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# The Editor's Page

## The NAD Situation

THE SILENT WORKER is the official organ of the National Association of the Deaf. At the same time this magazine strives to live up to its subtitle—"The National Magazine for All the Deaf."

Over the years only a small proportion of SW space has been devoted to NAD affairs. This has led to considerable criticism from those who feel more should be printed about the NAD between conventions.

As editor, we have printed practically everything about the NAD that has been submitted "for publication." And in this issue we are carrying a number of letters written to the chairman of the NAD Ways and Means Committee, even though it has been necessary to have them set in agate because of space limitations.

The NAD's present financial difficulties are common knowledge. For several months members of the Executive Board have been trying to come up with a solution—how to finance Home Office operations until the next convention in Washington, D.C., in July. If delinquent Cooperating Member Associations, i.e., the state associations, would pay their quotas, the solution would be almost automatic.

Three reasons have been advanced for the failure of several of the states to pay their quotas: (1) Lack of available funds; (2) resentment because other states are more than two years in arrears; and (3) dissatisfaction with the NAD officers and policies and operations.

A fourth reason has been hinted: The NAD has no projects calculated to arouse enthusiasm among the deaf in general. The NAD is not acceptable as an information center or as an organization to be called upon when a "fire" breaks out.

THE SILENT WORKER receives from the NAD a percentage of Advancing Member dues from individuals as "subscription" fees. The amount is small, however. At the Miami convention, the sum of \$6,000 was budgeted for the SW for a two-year period. This amount was supposed to be "guaranteed" even though the percentage of Advancing Member dues fell short. We are glad to say that the SW has been able to pay its way so far and hope that revenue from non-NAD sources will continue even though issues may be slimmer. And we promise to keep you informed.

## In Memoriam JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY 1917-1963

### The Record—Continued

Last month we wrote that we were trying to find out about the special study of the education of the deaf authorized by a Senate-House conference report. The following letter has been received:

Department of Health, Education, and Welfare  
Washington

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reply to your letter of November 22 to Secretary Celebrezze concerning the special study of the education of the deaf which this Department will undertake in the very near future.

The Secretary will be responsible for selection of the study group, and we are confident that those interested will be satisfied as to the organization of the study under the guidelines given to the Secretary by the Congress. It is anticipated that the study group, during the course of its deliberations, will consult individuals and organizations who are directly involved in the education of the deaf.

Sincerely yours,  
Boisfeuillet Jones  
Special Assistant to the Secretary  
(Health and Medical Affairs)

December 20, 1963

### Workshop On Interpreting

A Workshop on Interpreting for the Deaf will be held June 15-17, 1964, at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind. The project is being made possible by a grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. Dr. William J. McClure, superintendent of the Indiana School for the Deaf, is project director.

Objectives of the Workshop: To identify the occasions and situations in which the deaf need interpreters; to establish standards for interpreters for the deaf; to suggest training curricula and criteria for admission to training courses; to develop a manual and/or other guidelines for interpreters for the deaf and for both hearing and deaf individuals involved in situations where interpreters are needed.

The planning committee, which met Nov. 13-15, includes four deaf persons. Deaf participants at the Workshop itself will also constitute approximately one-third of the number to be invited.

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# The John Tracy Clinic: Opportunities for Deaf Children

By LOUISE SHANAHAN

*(Note: This article is based on an interview with Mrs. Spencer Tracy, Director in Charge of the John Tracy Clinic, with respect to deaf children. A review of the article by Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, retired superintendent of the California School for the Deaf, Berkeley, is given at the end.)*

"The day I stopped pitying my deaf child was the day I knew I could help him," wrote a mother from Alabama to the John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles. She admitted, "I felt that one day I would wake up and find my baby was no longer deaf." Gradually she shifted her thinking toward a realistic and constructive approach both for the baby's future well-being and her own.

The problem of deafness in an infant or young child is frequently magnified by the reaction of the parents. It is not uncommon for parents to reject a diagnosis of deafness in a small child and go from one doctor to another in search of a different diagnosis.

A mother of a deaf baby girl of 18 months said, "I blamed myself for her deafness, so I took Catherine to at least six doctors because I refused to believe that she was deaf. I couldn't understand how my husband could accept it. Then I realized that his acceptance was the answer. I began to accept Catherine for what she was."

In a recent interview, a spokesman for the John Tracy Clinic said, "Acceptance, we might say, frees both the parent and child to tackle the big problems which lie ahead."

The John Tracy Clinic urges the parents to encourage their deaf child to participate in all phases of family life. He learns to assume his share of household tasks. He discovers the joys of trips and treats with other children in the family. And most of all he is made to feel that he belongs.

This sense of belonging is basic to his progress and development. Under no circumstances should a deaf child be isolated from hearing children in the family environment. He should not be considered "different" from the others.

So often a deaf child's attitude toward himself and his abilities is a reflection of his parents' response to his deafness. It is the mother's attitude especially which is profoundly significant in terms of the child's ability to cope with his problem.

At first, when parents discover deafness in a child, they tend to see only the deafness, not the child. Through the parent education classes at the John Tracy Clinic, the emphasis is reversed, and parents learn that a deaf child is simply a child who cannot



Exterior of the John Tracy Clinic, 806 West Adams Blvd., Los Angeles.

hear. Moreover, they learn that a deaf child has great potential.

The primary purpose of the John Tracy Clinic is to encourage, to guide and to train the parents of preschool deaf children. First, in order to reach and help the children, and, second, to help the parents themselves, because as people they very much need help.

There is something at the Clinic for every parent and child.

Appointments for an initial consultation may be made by mail or by telephone anytime between September and June. The summer months are entirely given over to Summer Session and staff vacations. Along with their child, both mother and father are asked to be present on this first visit. It is important that both parents hear—or at least are exposed to—the same information, and at the same time.

They are also asked to bring a third person, if at all possible, one who can stay with the child and allow the parents to talk with the psychologist. At the close of the consultation a program is outlined for the family.

People are different. Families are different. Because of many circumstances, the particular needs of each, at least for the moment, may vary widely, and so, as one teacher in the parent classes put it, "We try to be as flexible as possible."

There are two immediate possibilities open: the Correspondence Course and the weekly Parents Classes; then within a few weeks at most, enrollment in a series of Friday Clinics, and Extended Teaching, that is, special tutoring by appointment.

From the Clinic's first contact with the family, the parents are urged to "talk, talk, talk" to their child. And in every phase of the Clinic's program they are helped to learn how to talk, when to talk, and what to say.

Everyone knows that the mother of a hearing baby talks to him even though he may not understand and long before he is able to respond to her in words. It is this constant communication between mother and child which enables him first to understand and then to talk. But parents of a little deaf child have to be helped to realize that through seeing the same pattern of lip movements over and over again, he can very early begin to accomplish something of what a hearing baby does by hearing the patterns of sound. Understanding what people say by watching the movements of their lips is called lipreading.

Lipreading ability is not acquired by a deaf child in a day, a week, or a month, but is worth working for because it is the key to language for a deaf child. Lipreading must necessarily precede speech, for the ability to understand always comes before the ability to express thought in words.

An important part of the Clinic's program is its classes for parents which are open to all parents of deaf and hard of hearing children.

In "Child Development and Parent Attitudes," parents learn through texts and discussion how a child grows and develops physically, mentally, and emotionally, and how the attitudes of parents affect this growth and development.

Another class for parents is "Development of Communication Skills."



Parents observe Miss Patricia Kelly, Clinic tutor, as she gives their son, Ronnie, a speech lesson at the John Tracy Clinic in Los Angeles.

Here, mothers and fathers acquire knowledge of what is involved in language, lipreading, and speech, and an understanding of how they can help develop these abilities in their children in the home environment.

And, of course, parents learn many things that might be called "extra-curricular," such as patience with themselves and their child.

The mother, especially since she spends so much time with her children at home, gradually adjusts her thinking and learns to control her frustrations if the child is not progressing as rapidly as she would like. The parents discover that they must not put the child under pressure to learn, or manifest disappointment if the child does not meet their standards of speech development.

The Friday Clinic is usually one of the first services parents use. This service is open to all families, while the nursery school is not. Nursery School and Summer Session are the only services which are limited as to the number of families.

At the Friday Clinic a little deaf child may be observed by a psychologist in an informal way, probably in a play situation. Above all, the atmosphere is one of warmth and responsiveness. The psychologist is interested in the child's learning ability, what the child's world is like, and how he reacts to it.

The nursery school enrolls a limited number of children. However, it offers observation opportunities to all parents, as well as to students and visitors. It also serves as a "laboratory" for some of the Clinic's study and research projects.

Families are enrolled as a unit in the nursery school program. This enables the mother and father to participate actively in their child's development. The program is for a three-year period.

A visitor to the nursery school would

see that the children play together quite as they would in an ordinary nursery school. There are slides, sand boxes, tricycles, and mostly eager, enthusiastic children. One might never be aware that these children are deaf except for certain clues in the teacher-child relationship. When the teacher speaks to a child, she keeps her face on a level with his face so that the child can watch her lip movements. The teacher always speaks to the child in a good light, and naturally never turns her back when speaking to him. The child learns to respond because he is in an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness, and concern for his well-being and development.

This rapport then serves as a stimulus toward further vital attempts at speech and communication which are so vital to the deaf child.

It has been intimated earlier that parents are often confused and in turmoil when they bring their deaf child to the Clinic. Hence, the need for psychological counseling.

In essence, this means, "We are interested in you, the parents. We want to know how you feel about yourselves, your child, and the world around you. We will try to help you and understand you. We will accept you as you are, and try to help you accept yourself as you are."

As the mothers and fathers gain confidence in themselves, they find that they are better able to help their deaf child. The parents discover that when their relationship with their child is happy and spontaneous, without turmoil or tension, the child becomes relaxed and comfortable, and feels free to learn and develop according to his individual capacities.

Probably the best known part of the program of the John Tracy Clinic is its Correspondence Course. It is designed especially for parents who have a deaf preschool age child from two to six,

and who are not able to come to the Clinic for personal guidance and direction.

About 17,000 parents throughout the world have used this Correspondence Course.

The Course is divided into 12 installments, and is meant to cover about one year's work with a child. The only requirement which the Clinic makes is that a written report be sent in by the mother (or father) following each lesson, and before the next installment is sent out. In this way each report is personally reviewed, questions are answered, doubts clarified, and a sense of progress and success are gradually communicated to the parents.

Certain essentials are pointed out to the parents through the Correspondence Course, just as they are in the Parents Classes, and indeed in all services at the Clinic.

For example, speak to a deaf child exactly as you would to any other child. Show the child what you are talking about. Use complete sentences rather than single words. Use good English. Do not use baby talk.

Each installment has an individual section devoted to the parent-child relationship. Parents learn that not only are they teaching their deaf child how to communicate; they are also building his character. They are teaching him to persevere, to be self-reliant, and to have a sense of his own worth.

In talking to parents who have had the Correspondence Course, the Clinic urges, "Don't put the course away with a 'Well, that's finished.' Read it again and again. There is too much in it to get in the first or second or even fifth reading."

The Summer Session was the earliest service offered by the Clinic. This six-week program gives priority to parents outside the Los Angeles area. Parents have enrolled from all parts of the United States, as well as from Hawaii, Japan, France, Mexico, and Canada. During this time the parents have an opportunity to participate in an educational and counseling program designed to aid them in rearing their deaf child.

Research is another aspect of the Clinic's program. Under its auspices, a parent education film series was made. A research grant from the U. S. Office of Education made this work possible. Narration recordings for these films were done by Spencer Tracy, Cary Grant, James Mason, Raymond Massey, Gregory Peck and other well known motion picture people.

After a showing of the films, one mother wrote to the Clinic and said, "The films and recordings are wonderful. They make clear so many things we stumble through. I only wish more parents starting out with a deaf child could take advantage of this program."

In 1942, through a series of informal meetings held by a group of mothers of young deaf children, the foundation





Auditory training at the John Tracy Clinic—Mrs. Patricia Bolliger, tutor, and mother listening for the word "high" on a record.

for the John Tracy Clinic was developed. At that time there was no particular plan. The meetings were held on the campus of the University of Southern California, in a building loaned to the mothers for this purpose.

Out of these conversations and exchanges there developed one of the concepts which made the John Tracy Clinic so unique. This concept was that parents and very young deaf children should have an opportunity to learn together.

Traditional schools for deaf children existed primarily on the basis of formal education, and the child was enrolled in most of these schools at the age of six. If deafness was discovered in a preschool child, the suggestion to the parents would be to send the child to a school for the deaf at school age. In other words, nothing was done for the preschool age child.

The John Tracy Clinic worked with deaf children on the thesis that they should begin to learn speech and language at the time they would normally learn speech and language; that is, from one and one-half years to two and onwards.

This was a revolutionary and unique approach to the problem of deafness in very young children.

No longer would the barrier of isolation deepen between the child and his parents and the world until he was ready for school at the age of six.

The deaf child would have instead the cultivation and training of lipreading, speech and language facility from his earliest years. In other words, the deaf child would have the opportunities to develop his capabilities.

Parents also were guided and encouraged to help their children. The John Tracy Clinic provided a course of action which enabled the parents to feel

they were helping and teaching their children. The parents did not have to feel desperate and uncertain.

For over 20 years the John Tracy Clinic has distinguished itself in the field of education for parents and preschool children.

The lack of a satisfactory means of communication is the great difficulty a deaf child must surmount.

Every deaf child, as every hearing child, is dependent upon a means of communication for his education, and for his relations with people—probably

the most important thing in life. As deaf children live for the most part in a world of hearing people, they must learn to speak and to lipread as well as possible in addition to learning language. So it is in this way that deaf children are able to realize a happy, full and useful life.

In all of its programs, the John Tracy Clinic encourages parents, "The child is of great importance; the deafness is only secondary. In countless simple ways, you, the parents, can cultivate in your child the possibilities within him."

## A Review by Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson

In the main, the article, *The John Tracy Clinic: Opportunities for Deaf Children*, is very well written, but it should be emphasized that the writer, Mrs. Louise Shanahan, has had no experience with the deaf child and has based her expression wholly upon an interview with Mrs. Spencer Tracy. Usually newspaper and magazine articles on the deaf and their problems are so exaggerated and so far from the truth that they are of no help to the public and often times are damaging to the deaf. Mrs. Shanahan is to be commended for her contribution and for the manner in which she used her information secured in this way.

As one reads the article, he immediately is impressed with the importance of the purpose and objectives of the Tracy Clinic. Although Mrs. Shanahan has used the title "Opportunities for Deaf Children"—the article would be more correct and very helpful were it headed, "Education and Counseling Program for Parents of Preschool Deaf Children."

Copies of this article should be in the hands of every parent of a preschool deaf child for the sound advice and pedagogy expressed and for the possible enlightenment and encouragement it has to offer. A few corrections and suggestions would be in order, however; and the importance of the article to the parent would not suffer in any way. In fact, it would be strengthened.

Mrs. Shanahan, not having had any experience in the education of the deaf would not be expected to know that the Rhode Island School for the Deaf was the first to establish a class for preschool children more than 50 years ago. Also that for many years several private schools for the deaf and many public school systems have had provisions for the training and teaching of preschool age deaf children. This does not in any way weaken the sound philosophy and the very fine counseling stated in the article. The interest and concern about the need of educating and helping the parent so as to better help the deaf child could be considered as revolution-

ary on the part of the Tracy Clinic. All educators realize the important part played by the parent and how essential it is to have an understanding and patient mother when endeavoring to teach the deaf child. This phase of the education of the deaf has been emphasized and brought to the attention of all who are in this special field and due credit should go to the Tracy Clinic. Educators of the deaf have appreciated and known the importance of the necessary counseling and cooperation of the parent for many years, but because of the nature of their schools and the physical setup were not able to do very much until very recently. Some schools, however, have three to six-week summer courses for parents of preschool and beginning deaf children. The private schools and clinics, it must be admitted, have the better setup for this type of special service.

Mrs. Shanahan, in her article, gives the reader the impression that all preschool deaf children are successful in their learning of speech, of lipreading and of language. This, of course, is not so and the claim or statement should be qualified. It would be better to say that with the support of certain factors, some preschool age children do learn to lipread individual words and certain limited commands and statements. The parent should be informed that some preschool deaf children do not master or succeed in lipreading, in speech, and in language. This is not unusual. There are many preschool hearing children who in spite of their possession of all their senses and especially hearing, fail to do as well as others and are classified as poor and slow children. However, the type of achievement and ability at this young age—a period before full maturity and formal education—is not indicative of the nature of future accomplishment. Information of this kind should be of value to the parent as she works and lives with her deaf child daily endeavoring to follow the counseling and advice given her. Knowing these points, she is less apt to become discouraged with her own efforts and with those of her deaf child. It makes for a better

situation and would support the statement made on page 4 in a truer sense, namely, "That when their relationship with their child is happy and spontaneous, without turmoil or tension, the child becomes relaxed and comfortable, and feels free to learn and develop according to his individual capacities."

Although it is most helpful and desirable for the deaf to possess efficient lipreading and understandable speech, and this should always be encouraged where it is proper to do so, the mother should not be left with the thought that without these abilities, all is lost and that there is no hope for a happy, full and useful life (page 5). This is refuted a thousandfold in the actual lives of deaf adults. In spite of their lack of ability to lipread and to speak intelligibly, they have succeeded in realizing happy, full, and useful lives. The country is full of such examples. Mrs. Shanahan should emphasize the great importance of the proper use and comprehension of written language in the

education of the deaf child and what it means to his future life and success. Lipreading and speech, yes indeed, but far more important is the acquisition and use of written language — the printed word. This is really the key for the deaf to understand his environment and to make forward progress in his education. Mrs. Shanahan stresses the importance of lipreading (page 3) but she unconsciously errs in saying that lipreading is the key to language. In fact, the more and stronger language (written) the deaf child has the better lipreader he becomes provided he has the ability to lipread.

Again, Mrs. Shanahan is to be complimented on a very fine piece of writing. There are a few exceptions taken which if acceptable and followed would result in a very splendid article for all parents of deaf children to read. The exceptions as indicated if allowed to remain weaken a very helpful and well-meaning article—an unusual article coming from a news reporter.

place despite our advanced age and all our mental infirmities. For example, "May I go?" was to be duly recorded as output on a chart; "May I have a drink of water?" had to go down as intake. We had to chart our own graph on the honor system. After 10 days of grading us F, we were ceremoniously ushered out of the hospital, to go home, to try to keep out of mischief. And, folks, that's what we are doing this very minute!

#### IF YOU HAVE BEEN FAIR

The beloved National Association of the Deaf is in financial difficulties. You will hear all sorts of talk and accusations, but the truth of the matter is that it is a useless and thankful task trying to deliver dollar service on penny contributions. The U. S. government can keep right on spending and spending, with your kind permission, but this is not for the NAD.

Some of our organizations are openly boastful of their accomplishments, to the disparagement of the NAD. We wonder very seriously if these should not be allowed to take over the NAD, to guide it through the forest of dismal ignorance and mismanagement into the clear light of eternal happiness and success. This can come up in Washington this summer, that is, if the NAD can hold its head above water that long. We doubt it unless a great many of our deaf leaders take a long clear look into the true state of affairs.

#### TO IT, TO YOUR FELLOWMEN?

More than anything else we need unity of strength and purpose. Right now it begins to look as if the NAD, the organization that has always set the deaf of America ahead of the deaf of other countries, is waging a futile fight to keep on going, for you. We may sound unduly pessimistic. Well, we are, and for a good reason!

#### IF YOUR ANSWER IS NO

At the Christmas season we like to recall all over again the plight of the husband who wanted to get his wife something electrical for a gift. The helpful salesman suggested this and that appliance only to be told the wife already had one. Finally, in sheer desperation, the salesman said, "Sir, the only thing left on the electrical list is an electric chair."

#### THEN BLESS YOU, FRIEND!

The percolator isn't bubbling as early in the morning as it used to. Hospital life made us lazy, and once you get lazy you stay that way for a long while. We have had a lot of fun out of this visit with you, our favorite people. Just bear with us until we get more set in our ways, and in our thinking, then we may be able to come up with something helpful and stimulating. This will be all for the present because we have some praying to do—for the NAD! Won't you join us? Thank you for reading this far with

WTG.

JANUARY, 1964



## JUST TALKING...

by W. T. Griffing

We are perfectly delighted that the editor has let us in at the back door on our own terms. Some people can be mighty generous. It will be some time before we can really have something worthwhile to tell you; meanwhile, we have had several letters from pals who say they expect great things of us. Perish the thought! We are just plain folk, with a balky hearing aid, and at times we do say the darndest things. Old age has slowed down our thinking apparatus. As we slide down the hill right merrily we do hope we can get in some good talks with you wonderful people who will always have an A-plus rating with us even if not with Dun & Bradstreet.

#### ARE YOU IN ANY WAY

You could have knocked us over with a feather a few days ago when our boss walked into our living room to inquire if we were six feet under. As we stated, old age has caused our reflex action to stutter and splutter, thus we just sat there wondering what he was driving at. Well, sirs and madams, it developed that a friend in Amarillo had had a phone call from another one in California, wanting to verify the report that we were taking lessons on a celestial harp. It was then, and only then, that we were able to muster sufficient will power to pick up our jaw from the floor.

#### CONTRIBUTING TO THE DETRIMENT

Here is what really happened: We

had to have some surgery done. Doc had a brand new scalpel guaranteed to cut into the toughest hide, so we were IT. After they had collected our case history, including all the skeletons in the closet and those gold inlays our dentist entrusted us with, they sent us through the paces. We were given all sorts of tests, especially the electrobillfold one, which recorded our resistance to those trivial things we refer to as dollars and cents.

#### OF YOUR NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

Back from the surgery we had a ball. Just six hours after they dumped us on that bed we were ordered to pile out and hotfoot it to the bathroom. We paled. But when two big bouncer-interns showed up we decided not to exploit our dour temper, so we ambled over and, so help us! if we didn't feel like a conquering hero.

#### IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES

That hospital must have read the Dr. Pepper ads because it operated on a 6-11-4-9 plan. After a day or so we mastered this new mathematical formula, thus beating the nurses to the punches. One sour note to this was that we disliked being roused at 5:30 in the morning by a flashlight being poked into our hearing aid. Those nurses were on the prowl for specimens, blood and otherwise. Anyway, to be thus awakened was the equivalent to having one of those electric cattle prodders pressed against a vulnerable backside region.

#### ASK YOURSELF IN ALL HONESTY

We did learn considerable in that



# Service To Silence

By Roger M. Falberg, Executive Secretary

Wichita Social Services for the Deaf

## IV—How the Community Agency for the Deaf Serves the Entire Community

Those who are interested in the establishment of a community service agency for the deaf in metropolitan areas should not be too quick to assume that such an agency would benefit the deaf *alone*. True, counseling and case-work with the deaf client is always the major goal; but in pursuing this objective the agency will find that as a "fringe benefit" it is serving the community at large in many ways.

These side effects should be understood from the very beginning when local workers are trying to get community backing for the project. Many service organizations will be moved to help on the grounds that the assistance is needed by the deaf, but when they examine the benefits to the community as a whole it is quite possible that members of these organizations will feel additionally motivated towards providing the financial support needed to get the agency on its feet.

The first advantage to the community that comes to mind is the time-saving and reduction of confusion and emotional reactions that results when an interpreter can be made available to help with business dealings.

By this, we do *not* mean the deaf housewife needs an interpreter every time she goes out shopping for a pair of nylons! Or that the deaf worker has to have an interpreter with him in order to ask his boss for a raise!

What we do mean is instances where a deaf adult may enter such places as the local federal-state unemployment service and not have the slightest idea of how to proceed. We have found that both the client's time and the agency's time can be greatly conserved if the client understands what is expected of him and why; and very often this can best be done in the language of signs. Once he "learns the ropes," the deaf person is usually able to carry on for himself in subsequent visits to the same agency.

Sometimes, out-of-the-ordinary circumstances arise between a deaf person and an agency such as the unemployment service. The deaf person may be denied compensation, for example, and he may not understand the reason why. For the unemployment agency to try to explain this to him—especially if his language command is average or below average for the deaf in general—can be quite time-consuming. Knowing that there is an agency to which he can take this problem, the deaf person may take

the written explanations, which he does not understand, to his counselor and have them clarified. If he does not agree with the unemployment agency's decision, his counselor can guide him through the red tape of appeal procedures if such appears advisable.

Often, a great deal of emotional overtones are eliminated in this manner. The feelings of frustration that occur when a deaf person who is "broke" and has been counting heavily on compensation from the unemployment service and then finds that, for some reason he cannot understand, he will not obtain this compensation can lead to emotional "blowups" and scenes that do not put the deaf in general in a very favorable light. Also, such scenes are confusing to the agency personnel; they cannot understand why the deaf person is so upset—when everything has been carefully explained in writing.

Another advantage to the rest of the community comes to mind when we contemplate the array of general social services available in every community which the deaf are not taking advantage of because they are not aware of them. Bringing together a deaf client and another agency that exists to meet the client's need is one of the functions of the agency for the deaf.

There is also the matter of evaluation of the deaf client. When a deaf person is performing at the top of his capacity, the economic advantages to the community at large are obvious. Most agencies, unfamiliar with the deaf and their abilities and unable to communicate effectively with the client, are handicapped in their ability to evaluate

the deaf client and to gauge just what he can and what he cannot do for himself. Again, the time saved when evaluation is made by the community service agency for the deaf is considerable—and the client is encouraged to work and to live in a manner that lies within his capacities.

Whenever a client is removed from the welfare rolls or from mental hospitals to which he might needlessly be committed, the savings in dollars and cents to the community is enormous. A social service agency, having its roots deeply within the deaf community, can assist rehabilitation agencies in finding and working with such clients.

There is also the function of serving as an information center to the entire community. Parents wanting to know about school facilities available for deaf children and desiring an independent assessment of which school is best for their child; community organizations and clubs desiring a speaker on the problems of deafness and the deaf, and high school and college students desiring research information on some aspect of deafness are three groups that come readily to mind and which have been served by the community service organization for the deaf in Wichita.

To summarize the last three columns: Financial support needed for the establishment of community services for the deaf must, because of the large sums involved, be found outside of the deaf community itself; and to do this one needs to approach the community at large. If the objective is to participate in community fund programs, fund officials should be consulted for advice and assistance at the very outset. Full understanding and support from the deaf community before this is done is highly desirable. In trying to interest community groups in support of such a project, stress should be laid on the fact that such an agency would benefit both the deaf *and* the community in general.

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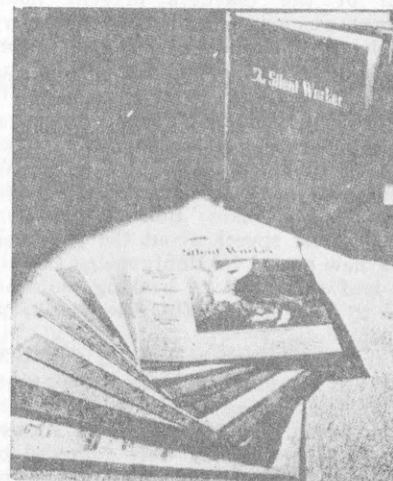
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# Reinhardt School Alumni Reunion A Big Success

By Mrs. Mildred E. Neathery

The Reinhardt School Alumni met at the Ambassador Hotel, Washington, D.C., for their third reunion July 19, 1963. It was the first reunion in 16 years. The second one was held in 1937. Not only those who were under Miss Reinhardt's care, but several of Miss Peck's pupils came to the reunion.

The Dick Browns were the first to arrive, beating Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neathery (Mildred MacNair '23), by only a few hours. Shortly afterward more came in, one of them being Mrs. Molly Besser. She told about the death of her granddaughter, Linda Green Allan. Later that day more arrived. We met in the Flamingo Room for a "get-together" where those who didn't know each other got acquainted. Old pictures that some of the alumni brought were looked at bringing on memories of the good times at school. Just as the party was breaking up, a late arrival asked to see Mrs. Neathery downstairs. She was Miss Aliene Lawrence wanting to know where she could stay that night. Nancy Sue Thompson and Dorothea Baskin invited her to spend the night in their room as there was an extra bed.

Saturday morning was spent sight-seeing, chatting, swimming, or whatever else was desired. Since Gallaudet College wasn't too far away, several took a taxi to the college where a tour was made through the new buildings which graced the campus. President Elstad gave a short talk about the College and its program. Several showed interest in difficult courses, one being in higher mathematics. Someone suggested that Janet Harvey take a course. A few younger ones still in school were interested in enrolling at Gallaudet after finishing high school. All in all it was a very interesting tour.

Between 6 and 7 that evening a cocktail party was held in the Flamingo Room. Everyone was busy greeting newcomers.

In the Empire Room, adjoining the Flamingo Room, the banquet was held. Each of the teachers present made a short remark after an introductory speech by the chairman, Bob Wilson. The highlights of the history of the Reinhardt's School's 47 years were given in a speech by Mrs. Mildred Neathery. Henry Buzzard interpreted for those not able to read her lips. Mr. George W. Fellendorf, executive director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association, made a brief speech about the proposals for a new school in Montgomery County for deaf and hard of hearing children. It is to be modeled after the Reinhardt School.

Harry Stein ran movies of the 1932 and 1937 reunions held in Kensington, Md. With everyone's approval they were shown again. Jack Reitenbaugh showed his movies also. They were followed by brief reminiscences of school days by some of the former pupils.

The following day a chartered bus took the alumni to Kensington, Md., where a short memorial service was held in Miss Reinhardt's honor. She was long a member of the Warner Presbyterian Church. Mr. Omar Buckwalter, pastor of the church, conducted the services in the Primary Room where Miss Reinhardt's Memorial Window stands. It is a beautiful stained glass window that was dedicated at the 1937 reunion. A brief tribute was also given to Miss Peck, who carried on the school till her death in 1955. A short letter from Dorothy Clapp Jameson of Belvedere, Calif., was read and flowers placed at the window were highly complimented.

Next, the Spruces was visited. It held nostalgic memories of the old days. We tried to find the plaque that was on the Bell Cottage but it was gone. The original school was seen but it has been converted into an apartment building. It held some memories for some of the older alumni. Part of the building was still recognizable.

Grace Barker entertained the crowd with a most delightful buffet supper at her suburban home later that same day. After leaving Grace's home we returned to the Flamingo Room at the hotel to hold a business meeting. Results of this meeting were: to have a reunion every three years, to have a newspaper printed twice a year. Mildred Neathery was chosen editor with Robert Swain and Robert Wilson as co-editors. The newsletter is to be printed and mailed under the supervision of Esther Culverwell at the publishing company where she works. The next reunion is to be held in Chicago in 1966. Votes of thanks were given to Bob Wilson for his wonderful work as chairman of the reunion, to Grace Barker for the buffet supper at her home and Mildred Neathery in informing the alumni of actions over the last four years. Harry Stein acted as president and Mildred Neathery as secretary. Dick Brown collected all the dues.

Many left for home Monday morning and the farewell party that had been planned was given up. Thus ended another wonderful Reinhardt School Alumni Reunion. Everyone took home some cherished memories to be remembered for a long time to come.

Among the 56 attending the banquet Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenneth Brown of Terre Haute, Ind., Miss Barbara Ann Marshall and her parents of Fairview Village, Pa., Miss Virginia Walker of Towson, Md., Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fellendorf of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Congdon of Chevy Chase, Md., and a friend from Florida, Mrs. James B. Van Hoesen of Silver Spring, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buzzard of Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and guests, Mrs. Clara Dick, Miss June Shambaugh, and Miss

Ruth Willis, all of New York City. Also Miss Nell Stephens of Hallsboro, N.C., and her guests of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Miss Mary Sutherland of Moylan, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Harvey of Rochester, N.Y., Miss Nancy Thompson of Montgomery, W. Va., Miss Dorothea Baskin of Spartanburg, S.C., Miss Aliene Lawrence of Fulton, Ky., Mr. and Mrs. Ben Neathery of Sulphur, Okla., and William J. Merrill of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Others attending were Milford D. Luden of West Reading, Pa., Mrs. Virginia Mills Kaufman and son Ricky of Lansing, Mich., Miss Grace E. Barker of Silver Spring, Md., Mrs. William H. Grow of St. Augustine, Fla., Mrs. Mark L. Davenport of Agawam, Mass., Mrs. John France of Glen Dale, W.Va., Miss Robin Brunson of Alcolu, S.C., Miss Nancy Daboll of Kensington, Md., Mr. and Mrs. John Reitenbaugh of Glen Cove, N.Y., Harry Stein Jr. of New York City.

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# Berkeley Workshop Examines Status of the Deaf

Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, Calif., was the scene of a workshop to Orient Social Workers to Problems of Deaf Persons, during the week of Nov. 18-22, 1963. The event was sponsored by the School of Social Welfare, University of California, and was supported by a grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. Miss Mildred Alexander, field work consultant, University of California, was coordinator.

Professional social workers from throughout the United States—and some from as far away as Puerto Rico—attended. Most of these people had little or no experience in working with the deaf, so the format and purpose of the meetings were designed to acquaint them with some of the learning problems faced by deaf children on the principle that understanding of their problems precede those of the adult deaf. Since general human problems are pretty much the same for both the deaf and hearing—family, personal, financial and so on—stress was placed upon the primary problem of communication between the social worker and the client. The deaf participants present repeatedly drove home the necessity of *adequate and satisfactory* communication by the most facile and efficient means fitted to the particular individual.

It was pointed out that nearly all of the deaf have had considerable training in oral methods of communication—but when they seek help for their personal problems they most certainly are not looking for another lesson in speech and lipreading. The manual alphabet—easily learned in a few minutes—provides the quickest means of communication, and indeed almost automatically establishes empathy between the social worker and client. Lipreading and speech, on the other hand, too frequently arouse impatience and antagonism, especially among those deaf persons who are of average mentality or who have never been able, despite adequate intelligence, to progress under oral methods.

Deaf participants were: Dr. Boyce Williams, consultant, Deaf and the Hard of Hearing, VRA, Washington, D. C.; Roger Falberg, director, Wichita Social Services for the Deaf, Wichita, Kan.; R. W. Horgen, director, State Service Bureau for the Deaf, Madison, Wis.; Steven Chough, social worker (counselor, New Mexico School for the Deaf); Don Pettingill, counselor, Vocational Rehabilitation, Indianapolis, Ind.; Robert G. Sanderson, NAD board member, Roy, Utah; and Eugene W. Petersen, secretary, Utah Association for the Deaf, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Also attending was Miss Jackie G. Coker, a totally deaf and blind teacher-counselor for the adult blind and deaf-blind, from the California State Department of Education. She was accompanied by Miss Dorothy Klaus, a teacher of the blind and deaf-blind. The major channel of communication between Miss Coker and the deaf participants was, of course, the manual alphabet spelled into her sensitive hands. She also employed "lipreading" by means of her thumb and fingers—a skill that is rare indeed.

Miss Margaret M. Ryan, social work consultant, Division of Training, represented the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration in addition to Dr. Williams. Miss Ryan was an active observer and participant, lending much to the group meetings by her professional skill.

Deaf participants giving major addresses were: Robert G. Sanderson, "Socio-Economic Status of the Deaf, Incidence of Deafness, Organizations of and for the Deaf"; Don G. Pettingill, "Rehabilitation Counseling"; and Dr. Boyce Williams, "Occupational Status of the Deaf."

The low spot of the meetings occurred in the final session with the news of the death of President Kennedy interrupting and cancelling out the scheduled talk by Dr. Williams.

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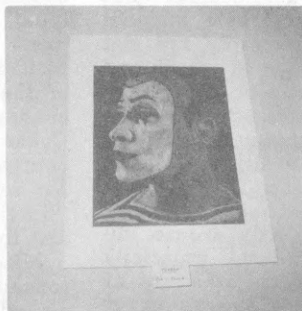
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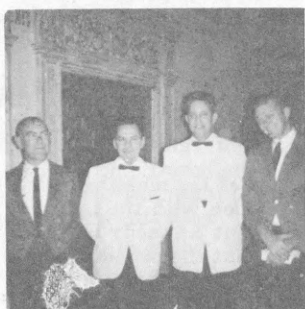
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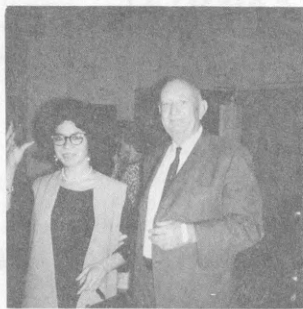
# Bragg Show A Gala Event At Long Beach



Left to right: The Ebell Theatre, Long Beach, site of the performance; charcoal sketch of Bernard displayed in the theatre lobby; Bernard with Sylvia Nystrom and Mrs. Windefeldt of the Hawaiian Restaurant at a dinner on the night before the show; committee members Cora Park, Pat Luna, Ellen Grimes Pauline Putman and Cathy Flanders.



Left to right: Head ushers Frank Luna and Ivan Nunn with assistants Fred Gries (left) and O. K. Sandager (right); amongst the first arrivals at the Ebell, Louis Dyer, Elmer Priester and Jany Lou Dyer receive tickets from Fred Gries; Florian Caligiuri welcomes Dr. Jones of San Fernando Valley State College; Barbara Babbini with her guest, John Tracy, son of film star Spencer and Mrs. Tracy.



Left to right: Ruby McCormick arrives with Herb Schreiber; Hope Beasley with fiancé Larry Paxton; Loel Francis escorted by Curtis Wise; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Newman (left) of Riverside just before curtain time.



Left to right: Dr. and Mrs. Richard Brill (left) of the Riverside School; Don Nuernberger (right) receives congratulations for the success of the evening from wife Eleanor (next to him), and friends Lou Dyer and Helen Arbuthnot (gentleman at the left unidentified); arriving at the reception following the show are Marcella Brandt, Pearl Weiner, Lil Skinner and Pollai Bennett.





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### California . . .

A counseling and referral agency for the deaf of the East Bay area has been started by the California Association of the Deaf under President Hal Ramger of Oakland. Ralph Jordan, who teaches full-time at the Berkeley School, is contributing his spare time as director of this project helping the deaf with all kinds of problems; referring them to the right public service agencies where possible; and helping them explain their problems to the agencies. Mrs. Rene Roles, manager of the NAD's offices in Berkeley, is contributing her services in taking messages for Mr. Jordan and a board of directors has been formed comprised of public-spirited members of the communities, both deaf and hearing, with the Rev. Roger Pickering serving as chairman. They hope to secure the necessary funds for this much-needed service so as to operate on a full-time basis.

Mary Winn is home again from a tour of Europe and has a huge stack of photographs to show her friends. Mary tells us we simply MUST visit Europe but will we ever be so fortunate? Meanwhile, her tales of her adventures are the envy of us all!

Iva and Ed DeMartini, seemingly on the go almost constantly, now postal from up San Francisco way. And the post card has a Blue Chip stamp on it, no less.

Charles Schlack of Garden Grove was confined to the hospital for surgery early in November. However, he was up and about and doing his duty as sergeant at the Long Beach Club less than 10 days later. Charles has been forced to retire.

Ruth Skinner is coming up with another big event designed to raise funds for the California Home for the Aged Deaf and has set a tentative date for April 25, 1964. Ruth is asking all local

organizations to cooperate by keeping April 25 open.

The Board of Managers of the Home announce that, after three months of negotiation, a final payment has been made on a piece of land on Las Tunis Drive over in Arcadia. The site, costing \$40,000, is in a very pleasant neighborhood close to shopping and transportation and is more than twice the size of the property on which the present Home is situated on Menlo Avenue in Los Angeles and it will be possible to erect a two-story building to accommodate up to 20 residents. The land is paid for but now it is necessary to complete building plans and arrange the necessary financing. It is hoped that construction may be started during 1964. Mr. and Mrs. James Flood of the teaching staff of the Ohio School, perennial visitors to California during the summer months, attended the recent meeting of the Board. Mr. Flood has been officially connected with the Ohio Home for Aged Deaf for many years and all of us were most interested in his account of experiences with the Ohio Home, which is largest of its kind in the country.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the NFSD Div. No. 152, Los Angeles, have formed a "Betty Crocker Club" and their object is to collect the Betty Crocker silverware coupons from General Mills products and use them to obtain sets of table silver for the use of the Home for the Aged Deaf. All those wishing to donate such coupons for such a laudable purpose may send them to Gloria Webster, 7821 Zombar Avenue, Van Nuys, Calif., or to CHAD Board President Lucy Sigman, 186 Birch Avenue, Hawthorne, Calif.

Bernard Bragg came to Long Beach the weekend of Nov. 22-23. Although it was about the saddest time our country has ever known, it was impossible to cancel Bernard's scheduled performance at the Long Beach Ebell Theatre Saturday evening. Bernard, himself, although deeply affected by the events of the 22nd day of November, carried on in the true tradition of the theatre, pausing at the end to give a wordless presentation of the Lord's Prayer set

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Varns of Hawthorne, Calif., are shown cutting the cake at their 25th wedding anniversary reception given Nov. 17 at the Alondra Club. Charles and Bea were married Nov. 18, 1938, and among the hundred guests invited to the party were friends of school days and others who had not seen each other for as long as 20 to 30 years.

to music. As the Long Beach Press-Telegram's drama critic, Samuel A. Boyea, wrote the next day, "It was one of the most moving tributes paid to our late President in Long Beach. The presidential tribute capped a fine offering of Mr. Bragg's mime art before a packed house, many of the hundreds being his fellow dignified deaf mutes, in Long Beach's Ebell Saturday night."

There were quite a few vacant seats. Many of the deaf, shocked by the untimely death of our beloved John F. Kennedy were unable to bring themselves to attend Bernard's presentation. However, hundreds crowded into the beautiful theatre and were greatly impressed with the entire performance and his moving tribute to our late President. A plane load accompanied Bernard from Oakland and Berkeley and folks came from all over the southland for the event which had been so extensively advertised over a period of more than four months. A reception followed at Long Beach's Morgan Hall after which close friends and members of the committee gathered at the Lafayette Hotel to further compliment Bernard and his assistant, Miss Sylvia Nystrom.

We are especially grateful to the people of the Ebell Theatre and to Tom Henderson, our interpreter, for their wonderful cooperation and to Don Nuernberger, program chairman, who so capably engineered the entire project. The 1964 convention committee also ably assisted.

It was just like a Hollywood premiere with searchlights piercing the skies from 6 p.m. until the curtain came up at 8:30 and amongst those attending were Dr. Ray Jones of San Fernando State College and many of the college faculty as well as Dr. and Mrs. Richard Brill, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newman, Toivo Lindholm, Pat Kitchen, Helen Arbuthnot, and dozens from the Riverside School for the Deaf as well as Mr. and Mrs. Vic Galloway, Teresa Connors, Mr.



and Mrs. Wayne Gough and others from distant parts of California. Barbara Babbini brought John Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Tracy, and John was enchanted with all the goings on.

The previous evening, Friday, Jerry arranged a dinner party for Bernard and his friends at the Hawaiian Restaurant in Long Beach after which Bernard was introduced to the general public who gave him a mighty ovation. Sis Windefeldt of the Hawaiian tells us that the restaurant personnel were greatly honored by Bernard's presence as well as the deaf group who practically took over the lounge that evening and were treated to some mighty entertaining floor shows by Hawaiian and Tahitian dancers. Jerry and Bernard got into the act as did Pollai Bennett and her sister, Peggie Neitzie. Those gathering for dinner included Don and Eleanor Nuernberger, Cali and Doris Caligiuri, Herb Schreiber and Ruby McCormick, Odean Rasmussen, Ivan Nunn, Cecil Christensen, Mary Thompson, Clarence Allmendinger, Lil and Bob Skinner, Ruth and Roger Skinner, Hope Beasley and Larry Paxton, Teresa Connors, Sylvia Nystrom, Vic and Gertie Galloway, Ruth Bonnet, Fred LaMonto, Connie Sixbery, Glen Orton, Frank Luna. Joe DiVita, Pauline Putman, Marie Latkowski, Ellen and Virgil Grimes and many more.

We were most sorry to learn at the last minute of a death in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan of Las Vegas which prevented their coming to Long Beach that Friday. Instead, Eugene and Camille left Las Vegas Friday morning for a sad journey home to Napa, Calif., for the funeral services and would remain there until after Thanksgiving.

The events of that particular week-end seems to have affected us quite a bit also and we find it most difficult to report on the activities here in Long Beach. Bernard's show, designed to raise funds for next year's CAD convention, was extremely well received and most profitable financially. We wish to take this means of thanking everyone who attended, everyone who contributed to its success, and our one regret is that the presentation came about at a time of national tragedy. We hope to include



At the Reception in Long Beach's Morgan Hall following the Bernard Bragg's "A Mime's Three Theatres": Dot (Mrs. George) Young is surrounded by Jerry Fail, Vic Galloway, Ruth Bonnet, Norma Strickland and Lil Skinner.

some photographs in this issue which will say what we cannot.

The East Bay Chapter, California Association of the Deaf, met recently up in Berkeley with Dr. Delight Rice as honored speaker. Dr. Rice told of her world travels the past summer. The most recent meeting held Nov. 24 at St. Joseph's Center saw Jo MacCono and her assistants serving Mexican dinners to the firstcomers. Caroline Burnes and Angela Watson showed color slides and gave descriptions of their trip to Europe and the World Federation of the Deaf meeting in Stockholm last summer.

CAD treasurer Don Nuernberger has some news for all CAD chapters! Out of 13 chapters, Riverside is the only one to come up with a 100 per cent renewal of membership dues. All chapters electing new officers in January, remember to report election results to Secretary Ray Stallo. And remember too that it is the chapter treasurer's job to try and keep membership dues up to date.

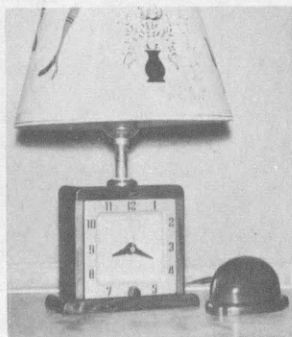
Kathleen Hoffmeyer is visiting her daughter, Betty Ann, and family over in Las Vegas and was house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley for three weeks during November. Kathleen is on a one-year leave of absence from her job at the Kentucky School.

Sometime back we told of the beautiful new mobile home purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Howell Stottler and apparently folks have got them confused with Mr. and Mrs. Harley D. Stottler who moved to California in November a year ago to make their home. Harley retired after 35 years with Fisher Body in Pontiac, Mich., and they bought a lovely home over in La Crescenta to be near their daughter. So they want all of you out there to know they live in a HOUSE and it's the Howell Stottlers who live in the mobile home.

Folks got a head start on holiday parties early in November when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Varns entertained at a reception commemorating their silver wedding anniversary at the Alondra Club on Prairie Avenue in Lawndale afternoon of Nov. 16. Friends, many of whom have known Charles and Bea all their married life, came from far and near to attend the reception and partake of the delicious buffet. And Charles and Bea found it difficult to believe 25 long years have passed since they got married here in Los Angeles 'way back in 1938. They're feeling no pain, however, and all of us are looking forward to another get together with the Varns when the silver turns to gold. (And, Bea, where are the pix you promised?)

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Park of San Pedro were feted over their silver wedding anniversary with a surprise reception given for them at Long Beach's Morgan Hall the evening of Nov. 30. Planning the gala evening were Mmes. Virgil Grimes, Cecil Dunagan, Fail, Pierce, Giles, Garrison, Pasley, Cox, Schultz, Wheeler, Welch, O'Neal, Franks, Bailey, Massey, Ashley, Mendoza, E. Smith, Moulder and Miss Patsy Gaffney.

Mrs. Esther Banks of Van Nuys has returned home from a three-month visit back east which took up all of the past



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summer. Esther went back home to Iowa with relatives where she spent three weeks relaxing on the farm and thence to Baltimore for another three weeks. She visited Washington, D. C., and was especially happy to visit Galaudet. She spent 10 days each with good friends Mrs. Follie Ennen and Mrs. Flo Frederick of Des Moines and several days with Mrs. Pearl Murphy and Mrs. Arthur Rasmussen at Akron. A whole month was spent in Chicago with Mrs. Fern Greenberg who is no stranger to Los Angeles having visited southern California previously.

Frank and Evelyn Bush postal from Key West that there are more fish in Florida than in California or maybe Frank just meant there are more in the Atlantic than in the Pacific. Anyway, the end of October found them down in Florida after visiting Chicago and Washington, D. C., and Frank was fervently hoping to catch a sailfish before they left for Miami Beach and thence to St. Petersburg to visit Evelyn's parents. Their itinerary will also include New Orleans and Houston before they get back home to Canoga Park from a 7,000 mile and four-week motor trip. (P.S. We met Frank and Evelyn at the Bragg show in Long Beach Nov. 23 and Frank said he just didn't have enough time to catch that sailfish he wanted. But he still stands firm in saying there are more fish in Florida.)

The Long Beach Club hosted all members at a free feed in Morgan Hall the evening of Dec. 7, an annual gathering with everything "on the house." Joe M. Park did the honors and Jerry carted over all her Christmas decorations to dress up the tables whilst ladies of the club cooked the dinner. The Los Angeles Club gave their annual Christmas party Dec. 21 with Evelyn Gerich hard at work handling the details of gifts for the children. Lois Bowden and her helpers served a big turkey dinner at Los Angeles Club Nov. 24 for the benefit of the basketball fund.

Kathy and Virl Massey opened their lovely Lakewood home to a large gathering of friends Nov. 10. To all appearances, it was just a Sunday dinner until everyone had gathered around and then Edna Woodward was a mighty surprised young lady when it came out that she was being feted on her birthday. Edna has not been feeling well since January and as we write this, we learn that she returned to the hospital Dec. 2.

Belle and Bill Tyhurst have sold their home in Los Angeles and Belle says that now she and Bill are going to do some traveling like they've long wanted to do. Actually, their friends were more saddened than any one to see the big house on South Lucerne Blvd. change ownership because it was practically a second home to so many. Belle and Bill opened their home for parties and informal gatherings frequently down the years and it was a most popular gathering place for their host of friends.

Bill and Bunny White of Sacramento were in town recently for the 25th wedding anniversary reception given by Charles and Bea Varns. We ran into the Varnses at the Bernard Bragg show and Charles told us that the Whites along with Mae and Kyle Workman, helped them a lot with planning the reception and amongst those attending were old friends they had not seen in many a long year. In fact, some of them met again for the first time in as long as 20 to 30 years.

Danny Pasley, son of Curtis and Frances Pasley of North Hollywood, recently popped the question and slipped a beautiful engagement ring on the finger of pretty Betty Hemler, also of North Hollywood. Frances tells us that the wedding won't take place for some time yet, however, because Danny wants to finish college first.

## Chicago . . .

**SHOCK WAVES . . .** the majority of the deaf in Chicagoland heard of the assassination of President Kennedy while at their jobs . . . L. S. Cherry who went home to have lunch turned on his TV set to watch the presidential motorcade in Dallas and witnessed the actual commotion and confusion which puzzled him . . . the Frat Home Office staff huddled around Kathy's (office secretary) radio while she relayed the tragic news as it came off the air . . . Chicago's deaf mothers learned of the tragedy from their children who tearfully returned home from school or from their tots who tried to tell them what the man said over TV . . . Mary Pat Gorney's little girl tried to tell mama that a man on TV said Kennedy was shot dead and Mama Gorney remonstrated with her child about such bad talk (not imagining at the time that her child happened to reiterate a horrible fact) . . . John Breslin was pounding away at his linotype machine when he became aware of a commotion in the composing room of the Tribune. He looked down the line of fellow linotypers who were turning around in their seats, faces white and eyes widening . . . the J. B. Davises and Minnie Glazer learned of the news while shopping at the same Skokie supermarket. All three hurried through their shopping lists to hurry home and tune in on their watching machines . . . only a handful of lonely deaf showed up at the CCD on the evening of Black Friday and less than 20 could be counted in the club rooms the night of Black Saturday . . . practically every deaf person in town bought up all four of Chicago's dailies during the weekend and the following days to keep abreast of the details of the infamous event.

**NEW ARRIVALS . . .** the Linus Francis have a fifth child, Mario, a boy . . . Doreen Diane delighted her parents, the John Breslins, by making her appearance on Nov. 21 at 8 lb. . . . Reatha Suttka became a grandmother for the

third time when daughter Candy gave birth to a 7 lb. girl christened Heather Stewart Haight. The newborn's great uncle is Russel Stewart, president of the Sun-Times daily . . . the Waldo Cordanos of Delavan have an 8 lb. girl born Nov. 30.

**MERGERS . . .** James McCloud and Jean Morley went through the tin cans and rice bit on Nov. 23 . . . Dora Kunick's daughter Christy was married Dec. 7 in Hanau (near Frankfurt), Germany.

**TICKER PATTERN . . .** Ray and Evelyn Wilson of Cleveland visited at the November meetings of Divisions No. 1 and 142. They intend to move into town soon . . . Frank Sullivan attended a planning conference for a workshop for interpreters for the deaf Nov. 13-15 at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind., where the workshop for interpreters will be held early next summer . . . Mrs. May Hudson, 77, passed away Nov. 17 after a sudden illness.

Charles Sharpnack's granddaughter, Lois Ann, a piano major, is one of 85 juniors in the conservatory of music at Oberlin (Ohio) who has gone abroad for a year's study at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. Lois will receive full credit toward her bachelor of music degree at Oberlin from this Oberlin-sponsored educational trip.

Gene Cummings, Flo Lombardo, Bruce Stoddart, Bill Kwiatt, Claude Eckles and Terry Feeley were knocked out of work for three weeks in November by a strike at General Telephone.

The Jerry Stroms (April) and the Joe Sorces (May) are on their way to Storkville.

Andrew Radonovitch, who escaped from Hungary during the 1956 revolt with two bullet wounds and who came to America as a displaced person six years ago, was granted citizenship in county court in the Loop Nov. 21. Len Warshawsky and John Kelly attended the ceremony as Andy's witnesses.

The Frank Sullivan family motored down to South Bend to have Thanksgiving dinner at the Flavio Romeros who were here in town the previous weekend . . . the Len Warshawskys and pet pooch flew to New Jersey for the Thanksgiving week.

Kup's Chicago, an affectionate portrait of Chicago written by Sun-Times columnist Irv Kupcinet, was published by the World, a publishing company in Cleveland in which GLDBA secretary-treasurer Herman Cahen holds interests and where Cahen, Orville Johnson and other deaf are employed.

Ethel Poska and her husband observed their 34th anniversary which fell on Black Friday this year.

James McCloud collapsed at work Dec. 5 and was rushed to West Suburban Hospital where he underwent observation for nervous exhaustion.

Walter Thiele died of a heart attack while at the wheel of his car Dec. 12.

## New York . . .

A card party at the Lexington School for the Deaf on Oct. 19 was sponsored by the Lexington School Alumni Association with a crowd of 177. Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. George Dlugatch, Miss Myra Mazur, Mrs. Gertrude Fischer, Eva Abramowitz and Mrs. Frances Celano. The committee was composed of Chairlady Mrs. Rose Herlands, Bessie Berman, Betty Hoffman, Edith Chaplan, Bella Schreiber, Mrs. Anna Plapinger and Mrs. Ruth Stern. The husbands, Gideon Berman, Max Hoffman, Ralph Chaplan and David Schreiber, also contributed their services.

The Merry-Go-Rounders, Rhoda Rousso and Kenneth Stelzer, were joined in matrimony in Brooklyn on Sept. 1. The bride is the only child of Hyman and Judith Rousso of HAD.

Miss Maxine Kaplan of Seattle, Wash., is working in a New York bank as a bookkeeping machine operator. She is looking forward to touring Europe next year before returning to Seattle. She has recently become a member of HAD.

Miss Ruth Danziger, an IBM operator, was shown at work in one-hour taped program "World's Girls" televised on Channel 7 on Oct. 25. Nathan and Reba Schwartz were also seen on TV being amused by the comical antics of Victor Borge at his piano in the Federation for the Jewish Philanthropies one-hour taped TV program which appeared on several local channels. TV and stage star Nannette Fabray who is partially deaf was seen instructing little deaf children in speech and singing at the Lexington School.

A card of panoramic view of a bullfight stadium came from Louis Borowick in Mexico recently. He finished a 10-day bus jaunt to Norfolk Beach, Va., last summer and was off again soon for Mexico for a longer vacation.

Alex Paxinos was a recent visitor at the HAD clubrooms. He came from his native Athens, Greece, last September on a visit with his uncle here and will be leaving in January.

A Mother and Daughter Luncheon was held at the Tip Toe Inn on Oct. 6 sponsored by the HAD Sisterhood. Jokes and riddles were given by young daugh-

ters of Ruth Stern, Nellie Myers and her sister Lily Berke, Sylvia Berest and Sylvia Bravin. A skit, "Sneakers Trouble," was performed by Nellie Myers and her daughter Linda. Awards went to Sherry Bravin (Hot Potato); Susan Berest (Treasure Hunt); and Mrs. Blumenthal and her daughter (mother and daughter resemblance contest). The committee: Ruth Stern, Nellie Myers and Bertha Kurz.

The Brooklyn Guild of the Deaf had an open house at the Church Army Headquarters, Brooklyn, on Oct. 26. The Brooklyn Guild also sponsored a "Harvest Dinner" on Nov. 9 at the Headquarters for the benefit of Church Army in USA.

American deaf movies are apparently being talked about by the deaf in Europe and Asia. Ernest Marshall recently received a letter from Madras Deaf Mutes Association, India. Its secretary, V. Gopalakrishman, inquired about the work of the Independent Theatrical and Cinema Club for the Deaf which Emerson Romero and Mr. Marshall founded many years ago. Mr. Marshall returned Oct. 30 from a trip of 2,800 miles by rail to show his new films in St. Paul, Minn., on Oct. 26 and then in Chicago on Oct. 27. At the Charles Thompson Memorial Hall, St. Paul, among the record crowd were the Jacob Ords of Sioux Center, Iowa; the Don Froehliches of Mankato, Minn.; the Arthur Petersons of Albert Lea, Minn.; the L. Boettchers of River Falls, Wis.; the Maurice Potters of Windon, Minn.; the Edwin Johnsons, the George Hanssens, Mrs. Norma Poole and Mrs. Tina Oelschlager, all of Faribault; Judge Rolloff, daughter and wife, of Mondovideo, Minn.; Mr. Leo Stich of Cologne; the Kenneth Schimmeles of Mapleton; the Ivan Lovelaces of Browerville; the Koesters of Long Prairie; and Donald Stauffer of Winnebago, all of Minnesota.

English deaf visitors Morris and Cissie Balbes and their son visited their oldest son and his family in Rockville, Md., last September and October for four weeks. They had supper with us on Oct. 12. Their son Norman, 18, and our son Lenny, 14, took movies of us greeting and embracing each other after an absence of 25 years. The Balbeses wanted to make movies of Washington,

D. C., and New York City and American deaf to show the English deaf at their club in London. Later in the evening this reporter and his wife took the visitors to Times Square and the Great White Way. The visitors jetted back to London Oct. 14.

Al Berke, chairman of Empire State Association of the Deaf Legal Committee and also president of the HAD, was invited by the Syracuse Civic Association of the Deaf as guest speaker on Oct. 26. Syracuse will be host to the ESAD convention in 1965 when the ESAD will be celebrating its 100th year. The ESAD is the oldest deaf association in the United States.

## Utah . . .

We welcome Utah news after a long absence. The following was sent in by Mrs. Berdean Christensen, 908 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah:

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Wheeler enjoyed two weeks of just plain loafing with a bit of fishing on a recent two-week camping trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., in the Colton Bay picnic grounds. They have just bought a lovely new home also.

Kenneth Burdett and son, Ronnie, also spent a month at Jackson Hole. While there they had many visitors, among them Mr. and Mrs. George Laramie and daughter who stayed over for a few days. Don Jensen and a friend stayed two days for the fishing and Kenneth's sister, Esther, and family from California also stopped over.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Taylor and son, John, had a very enjoyable visit to Indiana and Iowa where they visited their folks. Jerry flew to Memphis for the Frat convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fergusons of Ogden announce the birth of their fifth child, a boy, Oct. 12. Mr. and Mrs. Marlo Honey also welcomed a third daughter the next day, Oct. 13. The Honeys live in Bountiful, Utah.

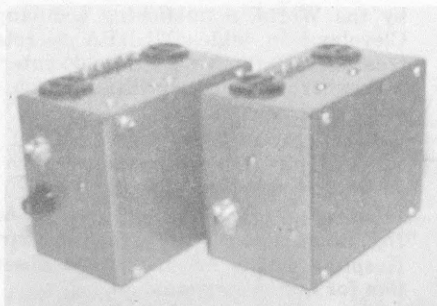
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanderson and boys motored west to Monterey, Calif., on their recent vacation.

Miss Dorothy Linden motored to Washington, D. C., during the past summer, returning in time for the opening of school. She spent part of the early summer with her parents in Hillsboro, Ore., and joined her sister on a trip to Bryce and the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

The San Francisco Club and the Utah Club met in a basketball game in Ogden the afternoon of Nov. 30.

The George Laramies and daughters spent their recent vacation in California where they met Dora's father who had flown out from Kansas. They brought him back for a brief visit.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hind was burned in a gasoline explosion the first of September. We are glad to hear that, thanks to modern



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AT LEFT—Mrs. Elizabeth Buck is shown opening one of the many birthday gifts she received when friends gathered to honor her upon her 75th birthday at the home of Mrs. Berdean Christensen in Ogden, Utah. BELOW—Mrs. Buck is shown surrounded by her many friends. Seated, left to right: Berdean Christensen, Ruth Smith, Lillian Freston, Mary Anderson, Cleo Peterson, Georgia Mae Stewart. Second row: Rose Lee Parkin, Theo Logan, Kate Kelly, Lillian Cole, Ivy Low, Elizabeth Buck, Elsie Christensen. Third row: Jennie Holton, Phyllis Penman, Jessie Keeley, Beth Jensen, Irba Seeley, Violet Zabel, Winnie Kerschbaum and LaVern Burnett.

recipes as well as various handicrafts to the Utah Power and Light Company Auditorium Sept. 21. Mrs. Vida White won first prize in the cookie contest and was also the winner in the recent UAD baking contest. Ilene Kinner and



medicine, little Janet will recover without any scars. The Spencers have seven children.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Morgan were given a surprise farewell party at the Branch by their many friends who presented them with a luggage set. They left for Hawaii and also visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, in California before going on to Arizona for the winter months.

Recent deaths: B. W. Postma, 88, of Logan, Utah, died Sept. 6; Hattie Wright, 70, of Colorado Springs, Colo., who passed away on Sept. 11; Rose Piva, 60 and partially blind, of Park City, who died Sept. 15; Ruth C. Rollo of Salt Lake City, who passed away Sept. 19; Alton Fisher, 51, of West Point, Utah, died last July 10.

A new kind of gathering, possibly an offspring of the Utah Association of the Deaf baking contest, was inaugurated by the UAD. Deaf people were invited to bring homemade cookies and their

Mary Sanderson won second and third prizes. There were many good handicraft items such as painting and sketching, crochet, knitting, woodwork and quilting, all made by the deaf. Only five prizes could be awarded and Winnie Kerschbaum took first prize for her rock picture; Georgie H. Walker's quilt won second prize; Vera Briebaker took third prize for her crocheted bedspread; Mrs. Elsie Preece won fourth prize for her rug, and fifth prize went to Marian Johansen for her talent in tailoring a suit for her daughter. After a cooking demonstration, there were quite a few delicious dishes on hand although not nearly enough for all those attending so a drawing was held and those fortunate enough to take food home with them included Rosie Jacobson, Winnie Kerschbaum, Miss Octavia Reynolds and Marjorie Monson. The rest of the evening was spent viewing the captioned film "The Shield of Falsworth" at the Salt Lake Valley Branch for the Deaf.

## District of Columbia . . .

The party-of-the-month was definitely the IGD Ball held at the Shoreham Hotel Nov. 9. Chairman of the event was Irving Hoberman and co-chairman was Tom Cuscaden. Since a whopping crowd of 425 attended, it would be easier to name those who were not there. Several New Yorkers came down including Sally Auerbach, a fellow etaoin shrdlu operator, the Blooms, the Joe Cohens and others. MC was Doug Burke and the floor show consisted of a tap dancer, juggler and an exotic dancer.

Dick Wright was unanimously re-elected editor of DeeCee Eyes on Sept. 21. The election followed the Publication Guild's third annual banquet held at Hofberg's Restaurant. Dr. Elstad was invited to speak and he remarked that "the DCCD is the only club for the deaf in America today that has risen above more than just a social club with its contribution to the civic and cultural interest of the deaf." (Something tells us we will be hearing from other deaf clubs on THAT!—News Ed.)

The main speaker of the evening was Mrs. Patricia G. Winalski, assistant to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Her job concerns mainly legislation as related to the handicapped. She explained how such bills originated and were prepared by her office, sent to the House or Senate for modification and eventual passage, then signed by the President. Mrs. Winalski has a deaf son at Gallaudet College.

Fred Schreiber recently "retired" as an active officer of DCCD's DeeCee Eyes and was given a pea-shooter complete with ammunition in grateful appreciation by the Publication's Guild. He will continue to write a column for the paper.

Twelve teams now make up the NCDBA bowling league. This means a total of 60 players are rocking the pins at the Silver Spring Bowl each Thursday night. It is rumored that there may be 16 teams next year, a mammoth task for the NCDBA officers. Even Alex Fleischman oiled his creaking bones to resume league play after

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more than 10 years. There is another league over in Virginia, headed by Larry Carman, with six teams.

NAD convention chairman Rozelle McCall announces that things are coming along in stride. One of the features of the convention will be an all-day outing to a local beach, to break the monotony of meetings and speeches. Other highlights will be a reception, NAD rally, banquet, frolic night, grand ball, luncheon, dinners galore and all those weight-adding things. Complete cost of all this will be \$31.00 but seven bucks can be saved by purchasing a combination ticket.

Agnes Sutcliffe was re-elected president of Alpha Chapter, Phi Kappa Zeta Sorority. Iva McConnell is vice president; Ann Clemons is secretary, and Lois Burr was re-elected treasurer. Alpha Chapter held its Christmas party in the recreation room of the Student Union Lounge at Gallaudet on Dec. 15.

Roger Scott received a cash award from GPO recently for a meritorious suggestion.

Roz Rozen has returned to Gallaudet as a full-time graduate student. Hubby Herb is also taking classes and holding down a full-time job to boot. Sarah Val has also entered college as a freshman and Mrs. Marjorie Desmarias is now a senior. Hubby Camille graduated last spring and is now attending Virginia Seminary. Also at Gallaudet is Mrs. Bonnie Rogers, of Texas, presently in the sophomore class.

The Washington Division of NFSD elected Alexander Fleischman as president for the coming year and Clyde Morton as vice president. Isadore Zisman is secretary for a fifth term. Herbert Hildenbrandt was also elected to a fifth term as treasurer. Third trustee is Eddie Hunter, and Roy Chandler is director. On the distaff side, all the ladies were re-elected to their respective offices.

### Colorado . . .

Colorado Springs Division No. 126 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf celebrated its 20th anniversary

with a banquet held at the Palmer House, a new and fabulous motel at the north end of the city of Colorado Springs, on Oct. 26. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Armin Turechek, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kirkley. There were about 60 people at the banquet, including Denverites Bill and Eva Fraser, Helga Fraser, Josie and Howard Kilthau, Ted and Annie Tucker, Ione Dibble, Reggie Weerman, Bill Bitner and Byron Rubin. Leslie Geist, the division president, was suddenly taken sick that morning and was hospitalized, and Frank Galluzzo substituted for him as toastmaster.

The usually quiet and empty SAC Building in Denver came to life with many people and children in their Halloween costumes on the evening of Oct. 26. The first prize of \$20 went to Ronnie Jones for his Chinese outfit, the second prize of \$10 to John Calderone for his Frankenstein costume, complete with a chain handcuffed to both wrists, and the third prize of \$5 to Odis Landsverk for his robot costume that had bulbs in its eyes flashing on and off and ears flapping. Barbara Anderson, Marlene Hinrichs and Juanita Greb served refreshments. Fred Schmidt was chairman.

A baby girl came to her proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Northern, on Thomas Y. Northern's 84th birthday, Sept. 14. They have a two-year-old son, Scott.

Rea Hinrichs and Robert Hurley came home with their trophies—a deer each—from their hunting trips. Robert Bodnar also got a deer while Jack Clair was unlucky.

Bert Younger and his father went hunting on horseback in Western Colorado. His father shot a four-point elk but it escaped. Bert kept on hunting for him and found it lying on the ground wounded and killed it.

Carol Sponable ran into LeRoy Hoelker most unexpectedly at the Bethel Deaf Lutheran turkey dinner on Oct. 12. They were classmates at the Oklahoma School and had not seen each other for 17 years. LeRoy is employed at the

Rocky Mountain News.

Vernon Barnett broke a bone in his foot in a fall and had to postpone his vacation to California indefinitely.

Mrs. Freda Hahn has returned from a trip visiting relatives in Syracuse and Coleridge, Neb., also Iowa and Missouri. On her arrival home she learned of the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Hahn, at Hot Springs, S. D.

Does anyone know Emma Rolfson, a native of Denver? She is now in a rest home in Westminster, Colo. She can neither read nor write but she knows the sign language and would enjoy visits from the deaf. The home address: Plaza Park Nursing Home, 7200 Stuart Street, Westminster, Colo.

The All Souls Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal Church held its annual bazaar on Nov. 16 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Frances Bundy. Mrs. M. Rose Cox was the co-chairman while Mrs. Eva Fraser and Mrs. Julia Billings were in charge of the hot supper.

Fred Gustafson and his mother spent the day visiting with his youngest sister and her family in Denver on Nov. 9 and Fred attended the annual athletic awards banquet of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver. Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Avery (personnel director at Shwayder Bros.), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheadick (an attorney and city councilman and son-in-law of the Dick Frasers), Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masterson, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Homer E. Grace. Bill Fraser was in charge of the program.

Officers for 1964 elected to serve Colorado Springs Div. No. 126 of the NFSD: Edward Johnston, president; Bill Owens, vice president; Toni Danti, secretary (re-elected); Fred Gustafson, treasurer (re-elected); Keith Hardy, director; William Cart and Frank Galluzzo, holdover trustees; and Bill Owens, new trustee. Denver Div. No. 64 elected Mrs. Eva Fraser, president (re-elected); Ronald Nester, vice president; Charles Billings, secretary (re-elected); Ruth Nester, director; Ronald Nester, Francis Mog and Ted Tucker, trustees. (Note: We neglected to get the name of the treasurer.)

## ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF BIENNIAL CONVENTION PHOENIX, ARIZONA—MAY 29-30, 1964

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Mark Wait's mother of Fargo, N. D., spent three weeks with him and his family in Colorado Springs during October.

Mrs. Ruth (Dennis) Bennett, formerly of Providence, R. I., has been living with her mother in Colorado Springs since the latter's major surgery some time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Warnick and son, Regan, left Oct. 19 for a week's vacation, stopping first at Carlsbad Caverns, N. M., and then on to El Paso, Tex., Juarez, Mexico, Phoenix, and then to Las Vegas where they stayed three days visiting relatives and trying their luck at the casinos.

On Nov. 16 the Warnicks were called to Delta, Utah, to attend the funeral of Don's Grandmother Warnick who passed away at the age of 85.

Barbara Anderson (Mrs. Dick Anderson) has become a full-fledged member of the Rocky Mountain Ceramist Association. Barbara has a studio in her basement and at present has about 25 or so girls, both deaf and hearing, who come to her for instructions in the art of ceramics. Barbara also has a full-time job as a typist at the Federal Center in Denver. Hubby Dick is not to be left out—he also helps out with the kiln work and the casting. Among the deaf taking lessons are Emilia O'Toole, Mary Elstad, Ruby Pavalko, Harriett Votaw, Ruth Nester, Doris Hurley, Ruth Lexford, Ione Dibble, Jill Faltermeier, Eleanor Perri, Adele Davidson and Het-tie Otteson.

### Kentuckiana . . .

Our sympathy goes to Julius Senn who lost his wife on Nov. 3 and to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schaffer who lost their three-month-old baby on Nov. 3. Mrs. Senn was 74 years old. She and her husband helped organize the Catholic church for the deaf in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Flavious Taylor sold their home and bought another close to Okolona, Ky., to be close to her sister and to have more room for three growing girls.

The Greater Louisville Deaf Club had a big Chinese Night on Nov. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wong and their two children were guests. The Wongs came here from Hong Kong, China, only seven months ago.

A stork shower was given Nov. 3 for Mrs. Joe Schneider (Mary Rowe).

### New Hampshire . . .

Patricia "Sally" Dow, 27 Laurel St., Concord, N. H., contributes the following:

Arthur Cutts is now working for Sullivan Truck Movers in Nashua, N. H.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Arthur and Anita Ouellet of Lowell, Mass., upon the recent death of Arthur's sister, Claire.

Jimmy Stark writes that he has been living and working as a printer in

Akron, O., for almost four years now.

Laura and Arthur Pepin had a pleasant weekend visiting friends in Taftsville, Conn., early in the autumn.

The Austine School alumni and some of the older students enjoyed whist in the school gym one recent Saturday evening and the captioned film "Operation Petticoat" in the afternoon. Prizes were won by Owen Cutts, Clyde Kimball, Walter Perry, Gary Lumbra, Ralph Baird, Hazel Adams, Dora Lumbra, Reggie Lumbra, June Baird and Robert Martin.

The next Austine reunion will be a whist party Feb. 29. The spring reunion is scheduled for May 23 with a business meeting and election of officers the next day at Austine. The summer reunion will be on Aug. 2 at the Weirs, N. H. Tentative plans include a boat ride around beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee on Mount Washington.

On Oct. 20 about 20 of the Quincy (Mass.) Deaf Club took a trip to Old Sturbridge Village by chartered bus. Old Sturbridge Village is a regional museum of rural New England life. Its purposes are historical and educational. The Village includes the meeting-house, powder house, boat shop and village pond, the Mashapaug Barn, schoolhouse and the Pottery Shop, the Freeman Farm, the Tin and Broom Shop, the blacksmith shop, grist mill, saw mill, and the covered bridge to the Village Tavern where most of us enjoyed lunch.

Next we visited the Gebhardt Barn which houses textile making tools and machines; the Richardson House, an 18th century "salt box" house; the Mashapaug House where exhibits of home and factory-made textiles were on display. We all enjoyed Miner Grant's General Store where old-time wares were on display and where reproduction products of many kinds from metal to food, were on sale. We continued on to the Gen. Salem Towne House, Isaiah Thomas Printing Office where we saw demonstrations on a flatbed press, circa 1760; the Glass Museum, Bake House, Gun Ship and Cabinet Shop. We finished our trip buying souvenirs in the Museum Shop. Those making the trip were from Quincy, sections of Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Arrangements were in charge of Bill Doran, president of the club.

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Now there is another deaf pigskin performer who is making good at a college for the hearing. The player is Gary Klingensmith, 185 lb. junior who failed to letter at Penn State University last year, but was the Nittany Lions' top gainer in 10 games in 1963.

Klingensmith reads the quarterback's lips in huddles, counts the cadence of each play from memory and moves when he glimpses the snapback.

Says assistant UCLA Bruin coach Johnny Johnson, who scouted Penn State against the Oregon Ducks at Portland:

"Klingensmith is a very good football player. He had to be a dedicated kid to get this far in athletics and he shows it out there on the field. He's rugged, possesses good speed and against Oregon went through the line or around it with equal ability." (In this game Gary netted 85 yards in 12 rushes.)

The son of a coal mine foreman, Gary has been deaf since he was struck with a raging fever at age five. He never had the benefit of therapy for the deaf. He's a self-taught lip reader.

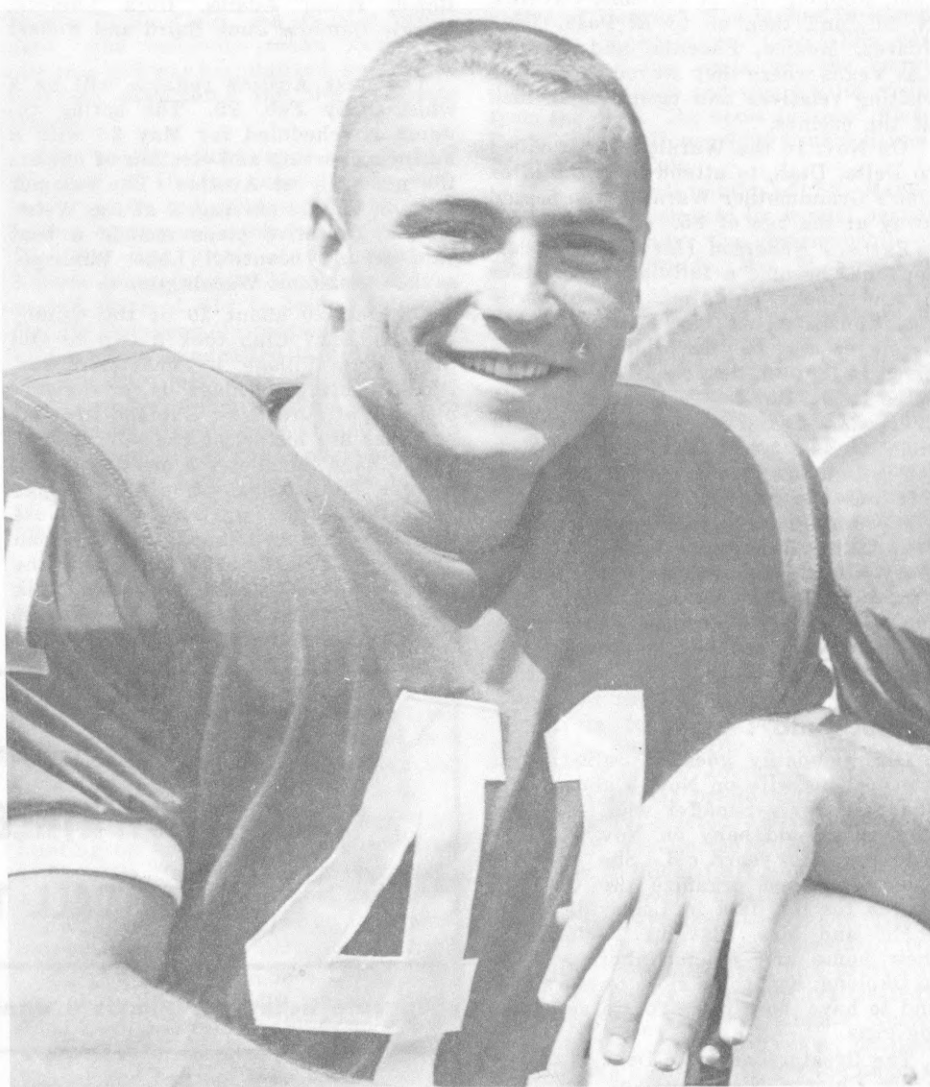
Oddly enough, Klingensmith rarely is caught with an offside or an in-motion infraction. There was a time in the opening minutes against Oregon, Gary's first starting shot, when he not only started before the snap, but bolted through the Oregon line without the ball.

"I guess that's the first time a back has been both offside and in-motion on the same play," Jim Tarman, Penn State's director of sports information man, laughs, "but Gary took it in stride."

You know what he said? "I thought I heard somebody yell 'Go!'" That shows his good humor and the type kid he is.

In nine games Klingensmith rushed for 413 yards on 88 carries, tops for the club. He scored three times and hauled eight kickoffs back 211 yards, also tops for the Nittany Lions. He caught 11 passes for 135 yards and one touchdown.

All of this came against some pretty solid opposition. Penn State beat Oregon (17-7), UCLA (17-14), Rice (28-7), West Virginia (20-9), Maryland (17-15), Ohio State (10-7), and Holy Cross (28-14), while bowing only to Army (7-10) and Syracuse (0-9). Penn State was scheduled to play against Pittsburgh on Nov. 23, but this game was postponed



Gary Klingensmith is DEAF but he was starting halfback for Penn State's football team. The 5-11, 185-pounder performed in the left halfback shoes vacated by All-America Roger Kochman, which some thought would prove a bigger handicap than deafness. But now he was Penn State's quickest starting back in 1963 and actually hit the hole faster than Kochman. He has one more year to play.

His hometown is Uniontown, Pa. (Photo Courtesy of Jim Tarman, Penn State's publicity man.)

poned to Dec. 7 in deference to the memory of the late President Kennedy.

Klingensmith plays at left halfback.

On his biggest thrill at Penn State—"For one play, I'd say it was in the Maryland game at College Park." It was a 66-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Pete Liske to halfback Gary Klingensmith which provided the Nittany Lions a victory over a never-quitting Maryland eleven.

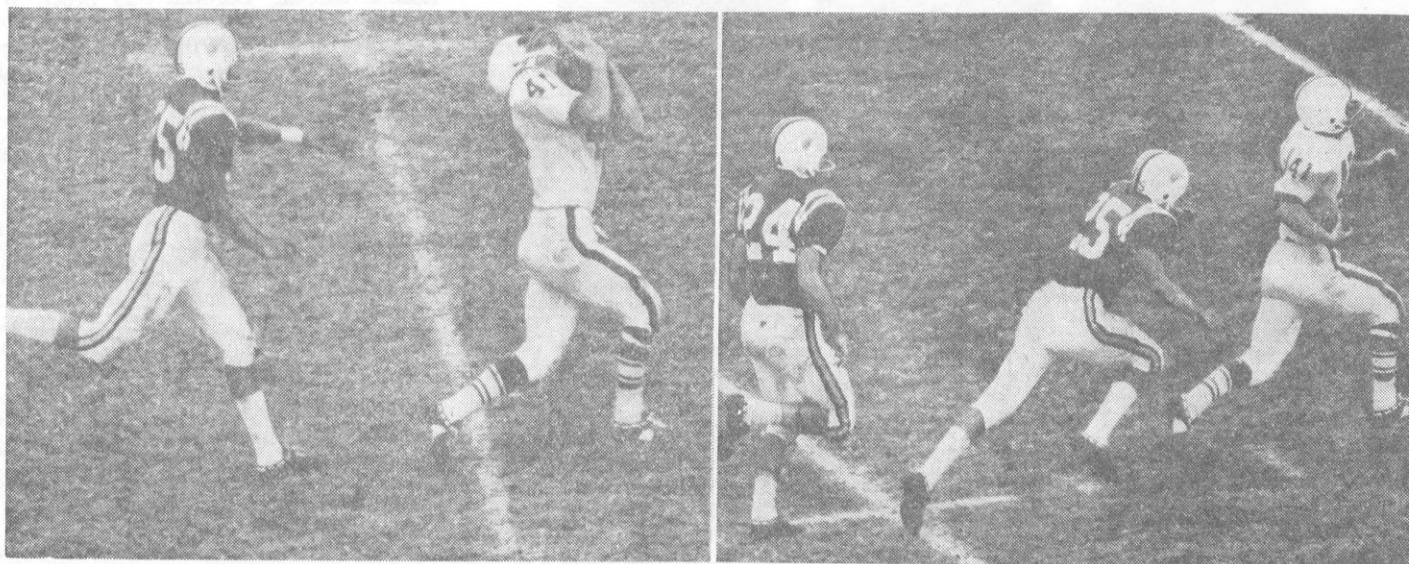
"For a game, it was our win over Ohio State at Columbus. It had to be one of the biggest in Penn State history. Nobody thought we could do it—and I

honestly don't think any of us players thought so either. But we went out and gave the best we had. It was enough." In this game Gary ran for 81 yards and set up Penn State's only score with a 27-yard scamper on a reverse.

And here's what Hadley Smith, estimable editor of the *Ohio Chronicle*, has to say about that inspiring deaf athlete when he saw Penn State clip Ohio State, 10-7, in a big upset:

"The racing left halfback more than lived up to all advance notices. He ran broken field beautifully, snared passes, was tricky and fast as any on the baffling





**THERE IT GOES**—This is the play on which Penn State scored a 66-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter and defeated Maryland, 17 to 15, at Byrd Stadium in College Park, Md., Nov. 2, 1963. Left: Gary Klingensmith (41), the flashing deaf left halfback, makes an over-the-shoulder catch of a long throw by quarterback Pete Liske, a stride ahead of Darryl Hill (25) of Maryland. Right: Klingensmith turns on the steam and outruns Hill, fastest man in the Maryland squad. Trailing is Terrapin defensive back Gary Miller (24).

fakes and draws, and proved himself an outstanding athlete all afternoon. And what a blocker!"

**The classroom is sometimes more troublesome for Klingensmith than the gridiron.**

"I try to get a seat in the first row of my classes," he said, "but sometimes I have trouble reading the instructors' lips—especially when they turn to write on the blackboard or pace up and down during a lecture."

Gary, who has a C-plus average, gets lecture material he misses from the notes of friends.

Klingensmith is majoring in physical education. He wants to coach football or teach physical education when he graduates. **Schools for the deaf please take notice.**

At Brownsville High in Uniontown, Pa., Klingensmith was a three-time letterman in baseball and one of the school's all-time standout running backs. There was natural hesitancy about recruiting him, but any doubts have long since vanished.

"It's one of the best chances we ever took," says Rip Engle, the highly successful Nittany Lions coach.

P.S. We plan to visit that flashing No. 41 at Penn State after we go to Philadelphia next April for the 20th annual AAAD National Basketball Tournament scheduled for April 15-18, 1964.

#### **That Fateful Friday Morning**

It was in the morning of November 22, 1963, at our place of employment where we were thinking of what to write up for this column. We could not guess when someone told us that the President had been struck by an assassin's bullet.

Sports lost a friend in President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Fitness was as big a passion with him as freedom. If the free weren't fit they wouldn't long be free, he held. The jokes were about touch football, but games were an obsession

with him, not a game. He chided staffers who were fat and unfit as he chided a nation that was morally that way.

He welcomed athletes and even several members of the U.S. International Games for the Deaf Committee and a few top notch American deaf athletes of the '61 Helsinki Games to the White House, not for their publicity but for their example.

Wife Eva suggested that we honor the memory of John F. Kennedy by dedicating the forthcoming Tenth International Games for the Deaf to him, and also invite Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy as guest of the Games. That's a good idea. What do you think?

#### **We Were In Texas Recently**

Can you imagine we were at Houston, Tex., the weekend of Nov. 9-10, 1963?

We were there as guest of the Houston Association of the Deaf at its 20th anniversary celebration. The HAD, by the way, is the pioneer club of the Southwest Athletic Association of the Deaf.

We also gave a speech about the '65 Games. In concluding our talk we paraphrased John F. Kennedy's political testament in his inaugural address: "And so, my fellow Deaf Americans; ask not what our Committee can do for you—ask what you can do for the Tenth International Games for the Deaf."

## **SCGAD Annual Tournament**

**By Carl Barber**

Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey, Calif., was the scene of the 1963 golf tournament of the Southern California Golf Association of the Deaf on September 22 and 29. Fourteen players participated in the 36-hole contest on the 6060-yard par 67 course.

Winner of the club handicap championship trophy was Einer Rosenkjar.

In the "A" flight Harold Poch was the winner in the low gross category at 176. Arthur Green won the award for the low net score.

In the "B" flight Fred Lessing was the low gross winner and James Drake won the award for low net.

In the long distance driving contest, Harold Poch bested all on the one hole of the first nine and George Damore sent his flying beyond the others on the designated hole of the second nine. For nearest to the pin on a par 3 hole, Larry Newman's shot was too well placed for the others to beat him. In the putting contest, George Damore notched another win.

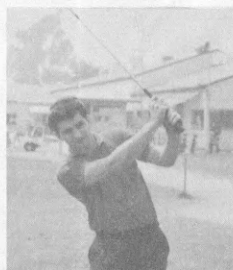
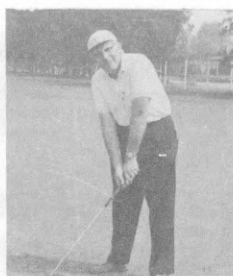
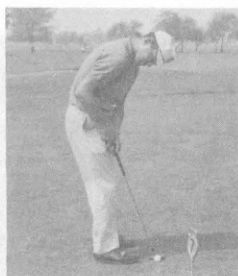
Officers of SCGAD arrange once-a-

month golf competition for the club members at various courses. Each member is required to play a minimum of three times in club meets and three other times with at least one club member to qualify for the annual tournament.

In the monthly meets the players compete for prizes. A hole-in-one fund was established three years ago and to date no one has been skillful or lucky enough to shoot that ace.

Last June in Fresno there was match play between a group of SCGAD golfers and a group representing the northern California club. The northern team won. It may become an annual affair and for 1964 it may be held during the California Association of the Deaf convention in Long Beach.

The 1963 SCGAD officers: Charles Griffith, president; Harold Poch, first vice president for course reservations; Florian Caligiuri, second vice president for handicapping; Carl Barber, third vice president for golf rules; Charles Marsh, fourth vice president for trophies and prizes; and Edward Schuyler, secretary-treasurer.



Prize winners at the 1963 Southern California Golf Association of the Deaf tournament: Top (left to right)—Einer Rosenkjar, Harold Poch, Arthur Green. Bottom—Fred Lessing, James Drake, George Damore.

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## LETTERS TO THE CHAIRMAN, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The following correspondence came to the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the NAD in response to his letter numbered C-5. It is all that has been received up to the date of publication of this magazine.

In letter C-5, the chairman asked for an evaluation of the NAD program in the light of what services are needed by the state associations and their membership; and evaluation of the state association programs in the light of what the states are providing for their own members and the deaf in general.

R. G. Sanderson,  
Chairman, W & M  
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Roy, Utah 84067

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Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Sorry to have missed C-4. It came in the midst of my mid-term examinations at Oregon College of Education. I believe I wrote an answer to correct before sending to you and never got around to the correction or mailing. Time really goes fast when you are up over your ears in work as I was this past year in graduate work.

Questions 4 and 5: Evaluation of NAD Program . . .

This is a difficult thing to do—evaluate a program which deals with the general welfare of the deaf in the economic and educational fields. About all I can say is that you (the NAD) are just another stand-by organization. This is the same for state organizations and I am sure the average deaf person knows it and this. Why pay every year then? Why not only when the pocketbook is in danger?

This is the main point in my feelings. For the NAD to become dominant, dynamic force and spokesman of and for the deaf it must be capable of presenting and carrying out daring plans for the problems of the future.

One such daring plan, bold and vital, that I feel the NAD should push for immediately is a sort of a junior college leading to the A.A. degree in various fields. The deaf leaving our schools are in need of more vocational training, general welfare education and economics before they can be considered on an equal basis with their hearing counterpart.

Why can not the NAD begin to push a plan to build a junior college somewhere in the Midwest, financed in part by the NAD and in part by the Federal government with classes in various trades, skilled teachers in the classrooms, with economics and general welfare being taught so that the graduates will be better able to hold a place in this technical, rapidly changing world of industry?

I feel this is something the deaf need. Something an organization such as the NAD should undertake. Something that holds promise for the future, that will also enable the deaf to gladly support both his state and national organizations.

Again, I am sorry I missed C-4 but hope my C-5 gives you something to chew on.

Sincerely,

Keith Lange, Secretary  
Oregon Association of the Deaf

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Re: C-5 of Nov. 1963, addressed to NAD Ways and Means Committee, and all State Association Officers.

I have read with interest the above communication, as I am Treasurer of the KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, and it is my job to raise or collect the Kansas quota.

The Kansas Association voted to collect the quota with membership fees starting in 1964. It was also understood that the members would pay the 1963 and 1964 quotas to the treasurer. From my experience in trying to make this collection, I would say half the members did not attend the business meetings and knew nothing about it. They have been hard to convince that payment is to their advantage. Many have asked, "Why should we pay that money to the NAD?" This I can answer. Then they ask, "What has the NAD ever done to help the deaf in the various states in the past?" I am unable to tell them. I have no data on past help given by the NAD, only word of mouth, which may be rumor. I need PROOF.

Hence, I suggest: The NAD prepare a brochure, pamphlet or booklet giving COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL CASE HISTORIES of all incidents in which the NAD has assisted the deaf in the various States. The HISTORIES should give ALL DETAILS, such as: when, where, what was the need, what EXACTLY did the NAD do, what was the outcome or result???

All Officers of all State Associations, both cooperating and non-cooperating should be supplied with a copy, also all individuals who might be interested in publicizing the NAD. The sooner, the better.

One DEED is worth a thousand words (promises). If the rank and file of the deaf can be SHOWN that the NAD has done much to help in the past, they would be far easier to convince that they should lend their financial support NOW, so that the NAD can continue the good work in the future.

If the NAD has already done what was suggested, it should be more widely distributed, and yours truly would certainly like a copy.

Sincerely,

Henry Wm. Yahn, Treasurer  
Kansas Association of the Deaf

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

This letter comes from me as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

My suggestions have, in essence, already been offered by others. However, I shall put them down here, in my own words, as the shading may be slightly different.

First of all, the NAD should be more responsive. Perhaps we should put this under the heading of "Public Relations," but when a complaint, objection or suggestion arises, I feel that it should be given all possible consideration and publicity. I am aware that the NAD does receive a great deal of criticism, but whether criticism is constructive or destructive, depends on what one makes of it. I realize that this will be quite a task, but the NAD can establish a "complaint department," or committee to handle such matters.

At Miami, a resolution was passed that the SW should devote more space to NAD matters. This indicates a desire by many of our members to know exactly what is going on in the NAD. To the best of my knowledge, nothing was done to comply with this resolution, and NAD coverage remains the same. I am willing to wager that half the NAD membership can not name our full board of directors. The NAD should be an open and public organization, all NAD matters, save those which are by necessity confidential, should be open to every NAD member who is interested.

The NAD must get closer to the deaf population. I realize that for years the NAD has been attempting to win more members, but most contacts with the average deaf person have been made in an effort to sell the NAD, but no effort has been made towards obtaining the opinion of this "man on the street." The NAD sends speakers to state conventions with the purpose of telling the states about the NAD, but is there any effort on the part of the speakers to feel the current, to probe the general sentiments?

And lastly, but most important, the NAD needs practical projects. We must have selling points to prove our worth to the deaf. I may sound materialistic, but don't you tell me that a materialistic project will not make the deaf sit up and listen. The NAD is frequently compared with the NAACP, but I would hate to make a comparison of what the NAD has done for the deaf with what the NAACP has done for the Negro. The NAD must help the deaf to secure better employment, it must help the deaf to secure a better education, it must help the deaf to take their proper place in society. In short, it must make America a more comfortable, and more fair place for the deaf to live. More accurately perhaps, what we need is a crusade.

And so my two cents . . .

Sincerely,  
Harold Ramger, Board Member

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

It is my belief that the national association should be a combination of several organizations in its structure—fraternal, union, political, public relation, welfare, etc.

The objectives of our national association should not be confined to pamphlets, trips to foreign countries and words. We should have something concrete that is apparent to the deaf as to being for their general welfare and apparent to the general public as the work of the national association. We need something that will capture the imagination of the deaf and the general public in this country.

For instance, the temporal bone bank. It has captured my imagination to the extent that I am on the verge of giving it my entire energy and time to assure its success. Its success in returning hearing to the profound deaf would automatically erase all the problems concerning the deaf.

Our national association could help along such a cause through active participation. Our national association could learn something from the American Hearing Society in the field of accomplishments. We could learn from AHS how to do certain things in the field of public relations. Let us drop our sense of superiority and false air of knowledge and learn from any organizations that are full of progress.

I believe that is possible for the NAD to establish a national industrial college. There is a need for such college for the deaf where every conceivable field of employment be taught by competent teachers to the deaf in need of training. This would involve working with the government—possibly the Vocational Rehabilitation bureau.

There is a real need for a good publicity man in our organization. We need someone who really knows how to write publicity stories for the news media. He cannot be a deaf man and he has to be something of a huckster. Such a man or public relation staff is available all over the country. Their purpose is to keep the name of an organization in the news so as to fix an image in the public's mind. This is an expensive venture, but the return is greater than mailing pamphlets all around the world.

Our national association could be similar to a labor union in its structure—and goals. It is natural that I would be thinking of the International Typographical Union as an example.

There are features from the ITU that our NAD can use. To name a few—referendum, representatives, limitations on powers of conventions, proportional payments of membership (dues paid according to a percentage of wages), and training center (industrial college as mentioned).

Would membership be more attractive to the deaf if it was pegged at so much per year according to their respective earning? For example the tax table of Federal income tax—each bracket pays just so much. This is for the advancing membership.

How about a national home for the aged deaf? Possibly an established home could be selected to receive the backing of the national association as a national home.

One of the problems that our NAD has to solve yet is the donation of time by the leaders in respective states. It costs the leaders money to act in behalf of one in need and this puts a severe limit on his ability to serve. The need for earning a living has to be overcome before a leader can donate time and energy.

Our national association should be more active in the political field—we must have someone interested in us in the capacity of being able to help us and our interests.

The officers of the state association can use better liaison between the home office and themselves. How about bulletins mailed to them every so often to keep them up to date on the activities? For instance it was months before we learned what transpired at the board meeting in Chicago. A bulletin would have been quicker and of more details than THE SILENT WORKER.

You will not be seeing me at the next convention. The members of Montana Association voted to send Darwin Younggren this time.

The mood of the members was unfavorable to the National Association of the Deaf and it was a close vote on the motion to send a representative for the 1964 convention. The fact that it would be an election session for national officers swung the vote to being affirmative.

Sincerely yours,  
Richard Mullins  
Montana Association of the Deaf

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Your newsletter to all state association officers and members of the Ways and Means Committee came to my attention recently.

The question is that what the NAD can do for the deaf, etc. I know this a rather easy thing to say but the hardest part is to get the things done.

Since the NAD has a publication called THE SILENT WORKER, I am concerned about its financial operation, especially the income, when my eyes caught the Statement of Ownership, Management and Circulation of the current issue of the magazine, I could hardly believe that there were only 2,700 copies (average) published during the past year. I thought it might say 27,000 issues printed, but it was not the case. The publication could make a good use of more advertising only if the circulation is increased notably, that is, more ads placed and at the same time raise the rate according to the number of issues printed.

My suggestion is to have personal contact in convincing the deaf people to subscribe to THE SILENT WORKER. Have the subscription manager write to state association presidents to appoint several persons who are well-liked leaders in their locality who are willing to go out and try to sell the subscriptions to non-subscribers who habitually borrow the SW. This may be done in club gatherings or by going to each person's home. This way, I believe, will increase the subscription number more than by placing advertisements in the magazine urging people to subscribe to it. The deaf people usually give little attention to this method of selling subscriptions. This is about the only thing I can suggest to you about NAD's financial affairs. You may contact the circulation manager on this matter and have him get on the ball and I'd like to see it in a chain reaction way down to putting the names of the new subscribers on the list and the magazines see their way to at least 27,000 new mail box locations.

Sincerely yours,  
William Fansler, First Vice President  
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Self-Taught in Backyard . . .

## Herbert Holbrook: Ski Jumping Expert

In a sport where balance and coordination are vital, a deaf person is at a disadvantage in most cases—but not so Herbert Holbrook, an outstanding amateur ski jumper now residing in Brattleboro, Vermont. A member of the U.S. Eastern Amateur Ski Association, he does his jumping for the Brattleboro Outing Club.

Holbrook started to ride the hickory boards when he was nine years old and a student at the Austine School for the Deaf in Brattleboro. He gained prowess without formal instruction on a hill back of the school. Mr. Sanders, then principal, noticed his budding talent and reported it to the Brattleboro Outing Club.

Following his graduation from Austine in 1948, Holbrook found employment as a bookbinder for Alan S. Browne, Inc., in Brattleboro and took advantage of many opportunities to increase his ski jumping skills as a club member and as a competitor in amateur jumping events in the surrounding territory.

Roaring 130 to 230 feet out into space on skis is a feat he has performed about 10,000 times in 13 years of ski jumping. Thirty-four trophies, cups, and medals vouch for his competency. He has had several bad spills which have curtailed his activities temporarily over the years. It should be pointed out that ski jumpers are a hardy breed.

Holbrook concentrates on form as well as distance in ski jumping. He comments, "An experienced jumper always travels a good distance, but it's his form while doing this that determines how he will rank in the final standings."

Holbrook went to his first public ski tournament at the age of 16, entering the Massachusetts State ski jumping championship at Greenfield in February 1948. He was good enough to take third place in the Class C events.

A run-down of his subsequent performances:

Won a medal for third place at Keene, N.H., 1949.  
Advanced to Class B in 1950.  
Jan. 6, 1951—won the Class B honors—the Harold Nelson Memorial Tournament at Bear Mountain, N.Y. (among a field of almost 50 in his class).  
Jan. 14, 1951—fifth place among 93 men—at Hanover, N.H.  
Jan. 21, 1951—took fourth place at Swedish Ski Club Tournament at Bear Mountain.  
Jan. 28, 1951—took second—New York State Championship at Bear Mountain among a field of 21 in Class B.  
Feb. 25, 1951—took third at Greenfield, Mass.  
July 22, 1951—at Laconia, N.H., mid-summer ski jumping tournament (artificial snow)—he took second in a field of 16 contenders.  
Jan. 5, 1952—won second—Harold Nelson Memorial Tournament at Bear Mountain.  
Jan. 6, 1952—won second—Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Trophy—at Bear Mountain.  
Jan. 12, 1952—won third—N.Y. Metropolitan Ski Jump Tournament at Bear Mountain.  
Jan. 13, 1952—took first honors—Harold Doerr Memorial Trophy—at Bear Mountain.  
Jan. 27, 1952—won second—New Hampshire Championship at Lebanon, N.H.  
Feb. 3, 1952—took second—Eastern States Invitational Tournament at Laconia, N.H. (eighth-tenths of a point from first winner).  
Feb. 24, 1952—seventh (among 36 men) at Brattleboro, Vt. (Won the Harry Morse Mem-



**RANKING AMATEUR SKI JUMPER**—Herbert Holbrook, 31-year-old skiing enthusiast of Brattleboro, Vt., is probably the outstanding deaf sportsman on the hickory boards. Since 1948, he has won 34 trophies, cups and medals in jumping events in New England

orial Trophy for the first local jumper in Class B.)

March 2, 1952—U.S. National Ski Jumping Championship at Salisbury, Conn. Among 79 men in his Class B—he was in ninth place.

Was advanced to Class A for the following 1953 winter season by the Jumping and Judges Jumping Committees of the Association. Did not jump much in that winter—leg injury.

Feb. 9, 1953—fourth place at Laconia, N.H.

Jan. 16, 1954—took third at Bear Mountain.

Jan. 24, 1954—came in second at Greenfield, Mass.

Jan. 1954—captured the Southern New England Ski Jumping Championship at Bolton, Mass.—By winning the total points he gained the first leg on the Janet D. Erickson Memorial Trophy.

Aug. 1954—was in second at a summer ski jump at Brattleboro, Vt. (only a tenth of a point from first winner).

Jan. 23, 1955—won second at Bolton, Mass.  
Feb. 6, 1955—fourth place at Telemark Ski Club Tournament at Bear Mountain.

Jan. 22, 1956—won Southern New England Title at Bolton, Mass.—gained the second leg on the Janet D. Erickson Memorial Trophy.

Feb. 12, 1956—took first honors at Greenfield, Mass.

July 4, 1956—won fourth place trophy at Lake Placid, N.Y. (artificial snow).

Jan. 28, 1957—won Southern New England Title at Bolton. Failed by a few points to get the Janet D. Erickson Memorial Trophy.

March 2, 1957—participated in U.S. National Ski Jumping Championship at Berlin, N.H.

March 17, 1957—captured the Pineland Ski Club invitational event at Andover, Me.

July 4, 1957—won third at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Jan. 11, 1958—was in third at Bear Mountain.

Feb. 2, 1958—won second at Edelweiss Jump, Greenfield, Mass.

Jan. 17, 1960—fractured and dislocated shoulder at Hanover, N.H., jump.

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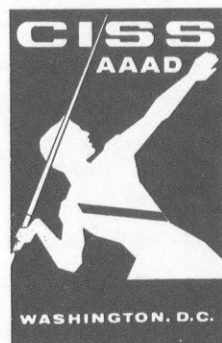
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